

JUMP COMICS



最悪の依頼人

巻ノ二

NARUTO

-ナルト-

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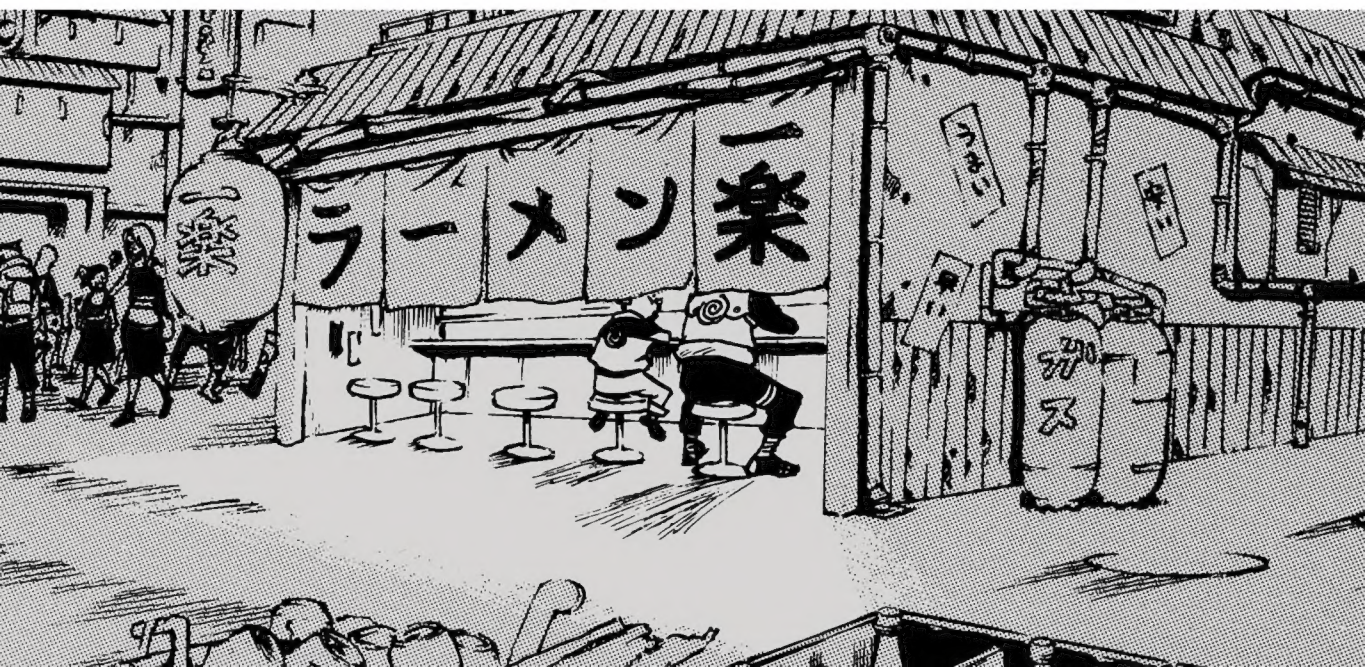
One day I got a phone call from a relative of mine and got seriously chewed out. Why? The reason was the art I drew of myself in volume one. My aunt saw the picture of me eating ramen, and said "Is he only eating ramen *again*?! Every time you came over to my house, you demanded instant noodles instead of the home-cooked meal I had ready

for you! You'd better be getting your vegetables!" Don't worry, auntie—I *am* eating my vegetables. (P.S. They just came out with instant noodles in "Cheese Curry Flavor." It's really tasty.)

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2000



Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** ("mechanism"). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.



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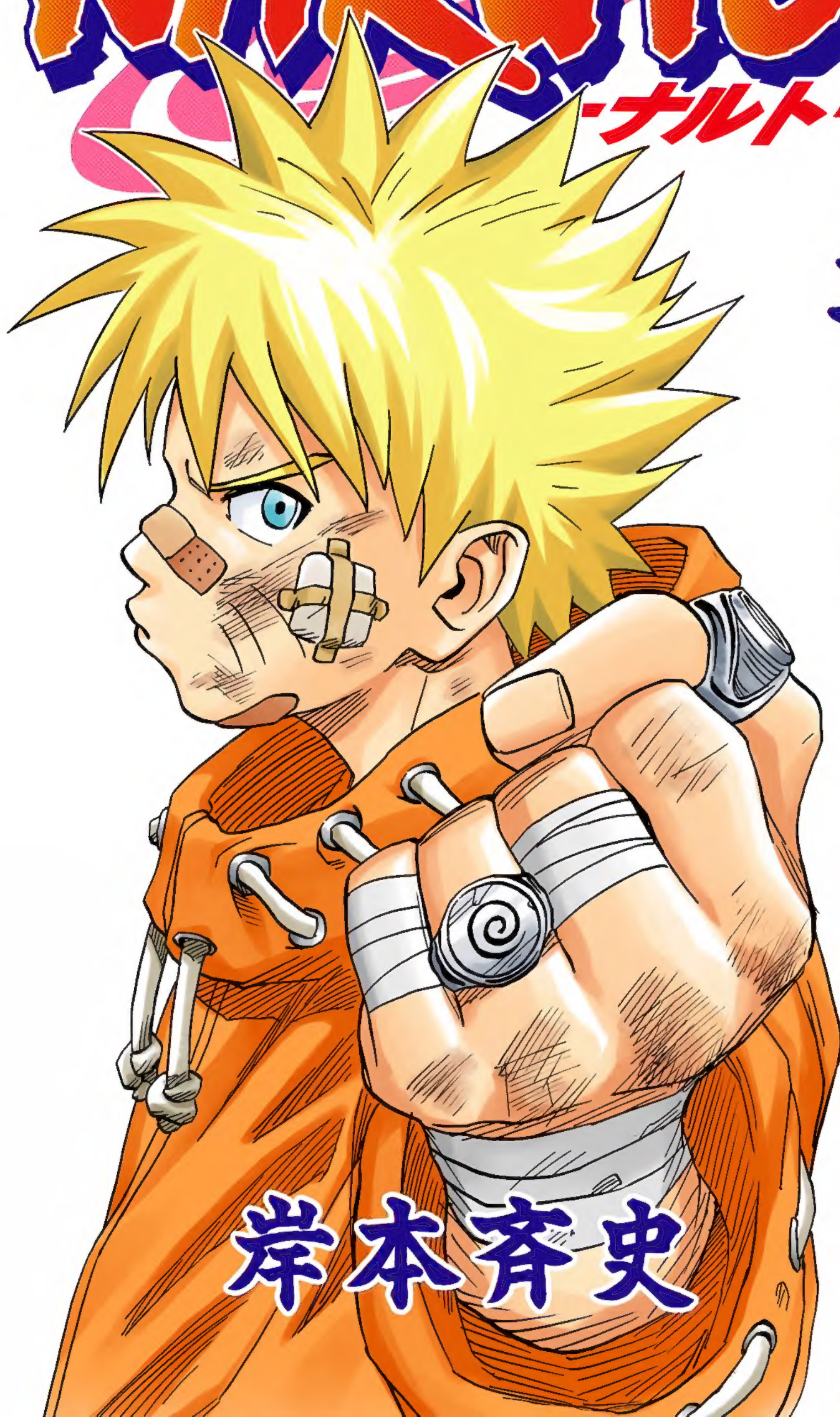


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おも 主 な とう 登 じょう 場 じん 人 ぶつ 物

うずまきナルト

うちはサスケ

はるの
春野サクラ

カカシ



イルカ



だいめほかげ
三代目火影

THE STORY SO FAR...

Twelve years ago, a giant fox demon attacked the ninja village of Konohagakure, until the Hokage, the village champion, managed to defeat it by sealing its soul into the body of a baby boy. Now that boy, Uzumaki Naruto, has grown up and become a ninja-in-training, like his classmates Sasuke and Sakura. Forced to work as a team, the three ninjas received a strange assignment: steal a bell from the belt of their teacher Kakashi. But they failed...and now Kakashi has told them *to give up their hopes of ever being ninja!*

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巻^{かん}
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あ
ら
す
じ

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...WILL
EVER
BE A
NINJA!

GIVE IT
UP.
NOT ONE
OF THE
THREE
OF
YOU...

ナンバー

ふ ご う か く



8 : だから不合格

YOU
FAILED!! だってんだ!!



FLIP

IT'S A ROSTER
OF ALL OF
KAKASHI'S
PREVIOUS
STUDENTS
AMONG THE
JUNIOR-LEVEL
SHINOBI—
WHO PASSED
AND WHO
FAILED.

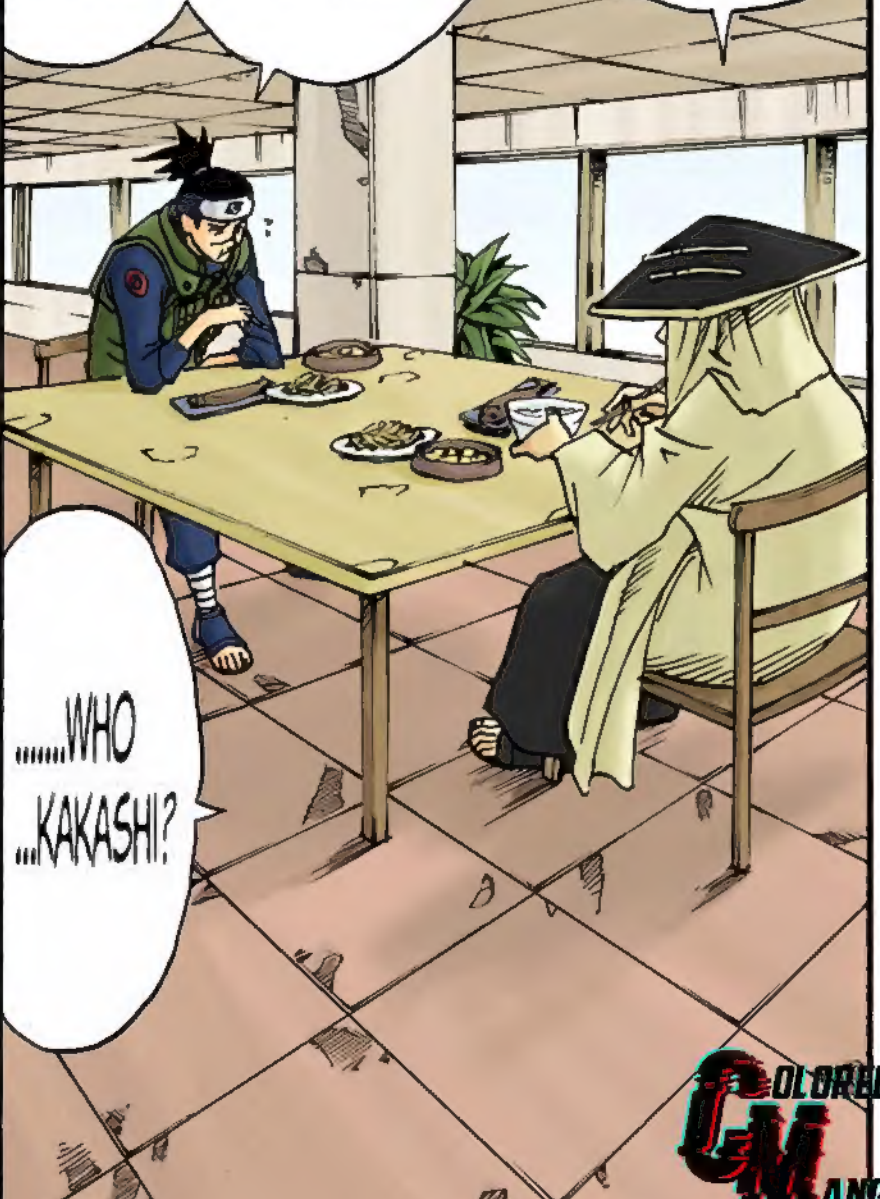
DOES
IT
WORRY
YOU?
HERE!!



ス...

GROUP SEVEN—
NARUTO AND THE
OTHERS...
WHAT KIND OF
TEACHER DID YOU
ASSIGN THEM, LORD
HOKAGE?
IS HE VERY STRICT?

YOU INVITED
ME TO LUNCH
BECAUSE
YOU WANTED
TO LEARN
SOMETHING,
RIGHT, IRUKA?
WHAT IS IT?



.....WHO
...KAKASHI?



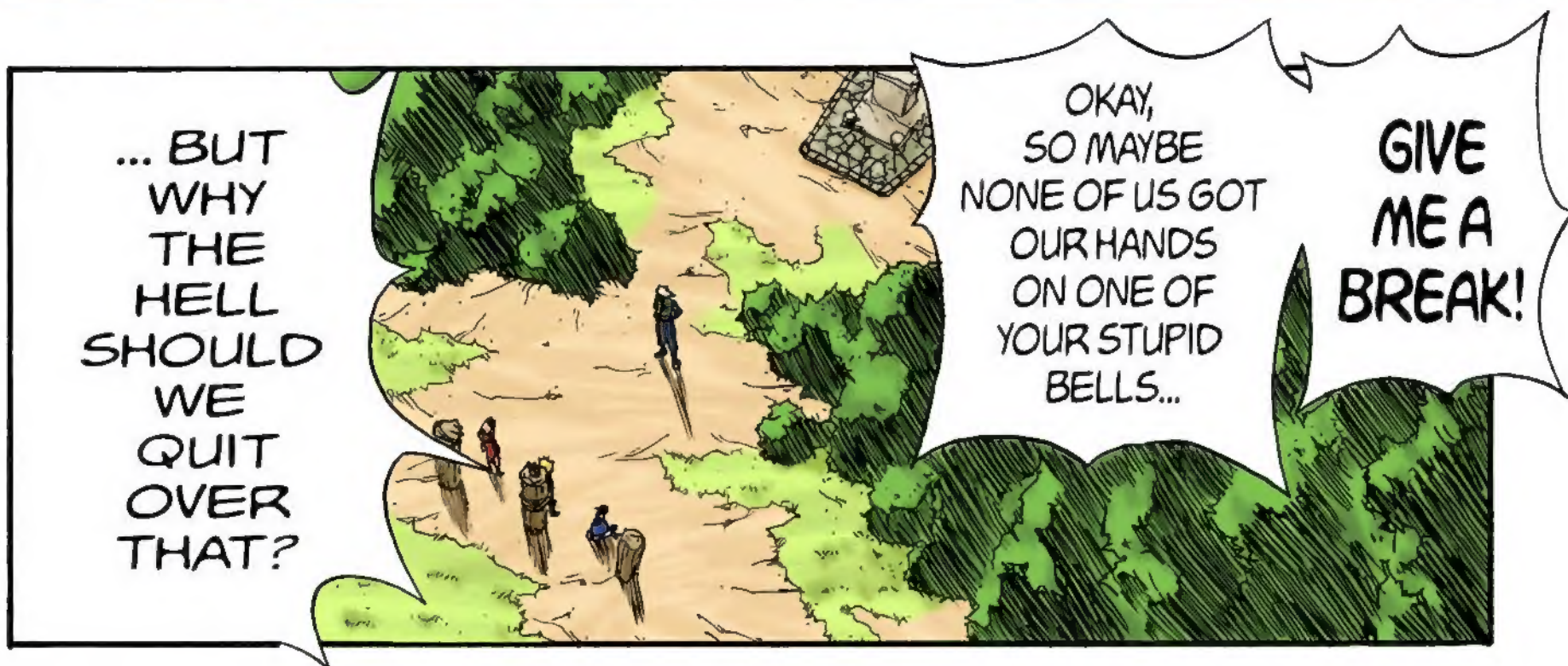
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.....IT
SAYS...!

!!



**-GIVE
UP?!**

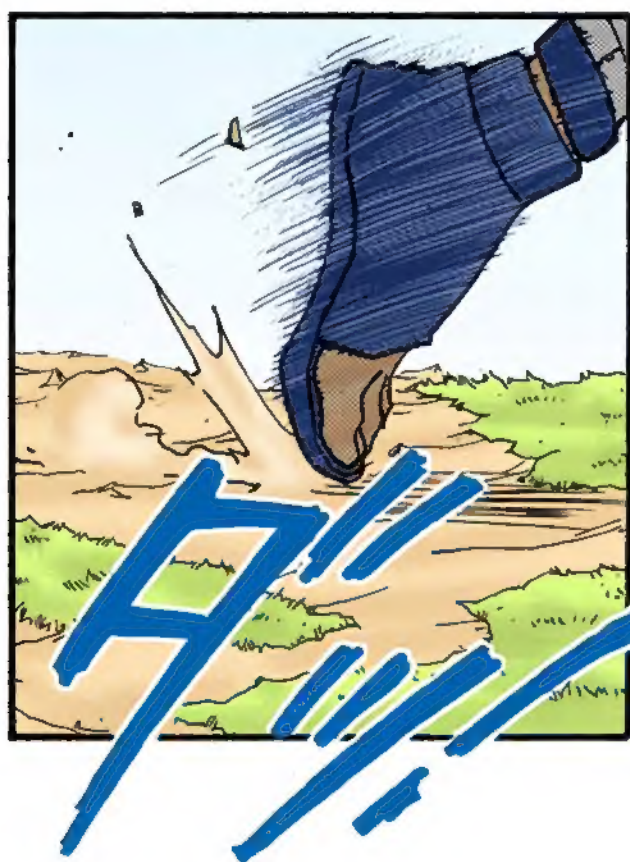
**WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN-**



**... BUT
WHY
THE
HELL
SHOULD
WE
QUIT
OVER
THAT?**

**OKAY,
SO MAYBE
NONE OF US GOT
OUR HANDS
ON ONE OF
YOUR STUPID
BELLS...**

**GIVE
ME A
BREAK!**

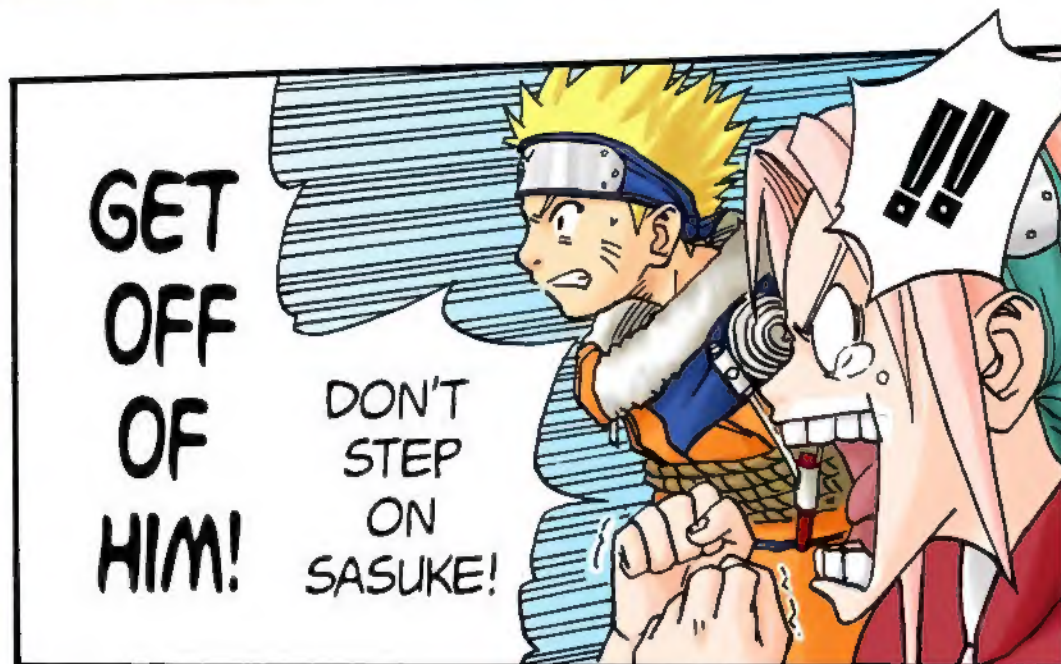
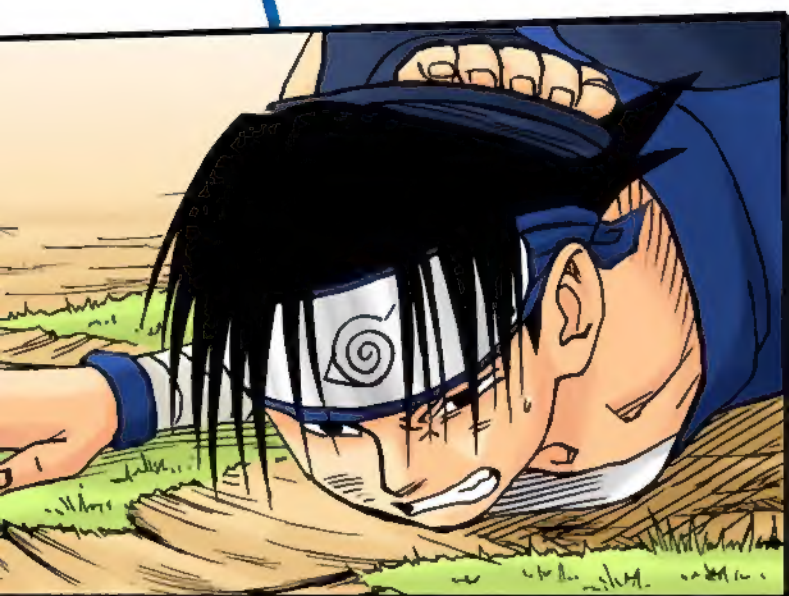
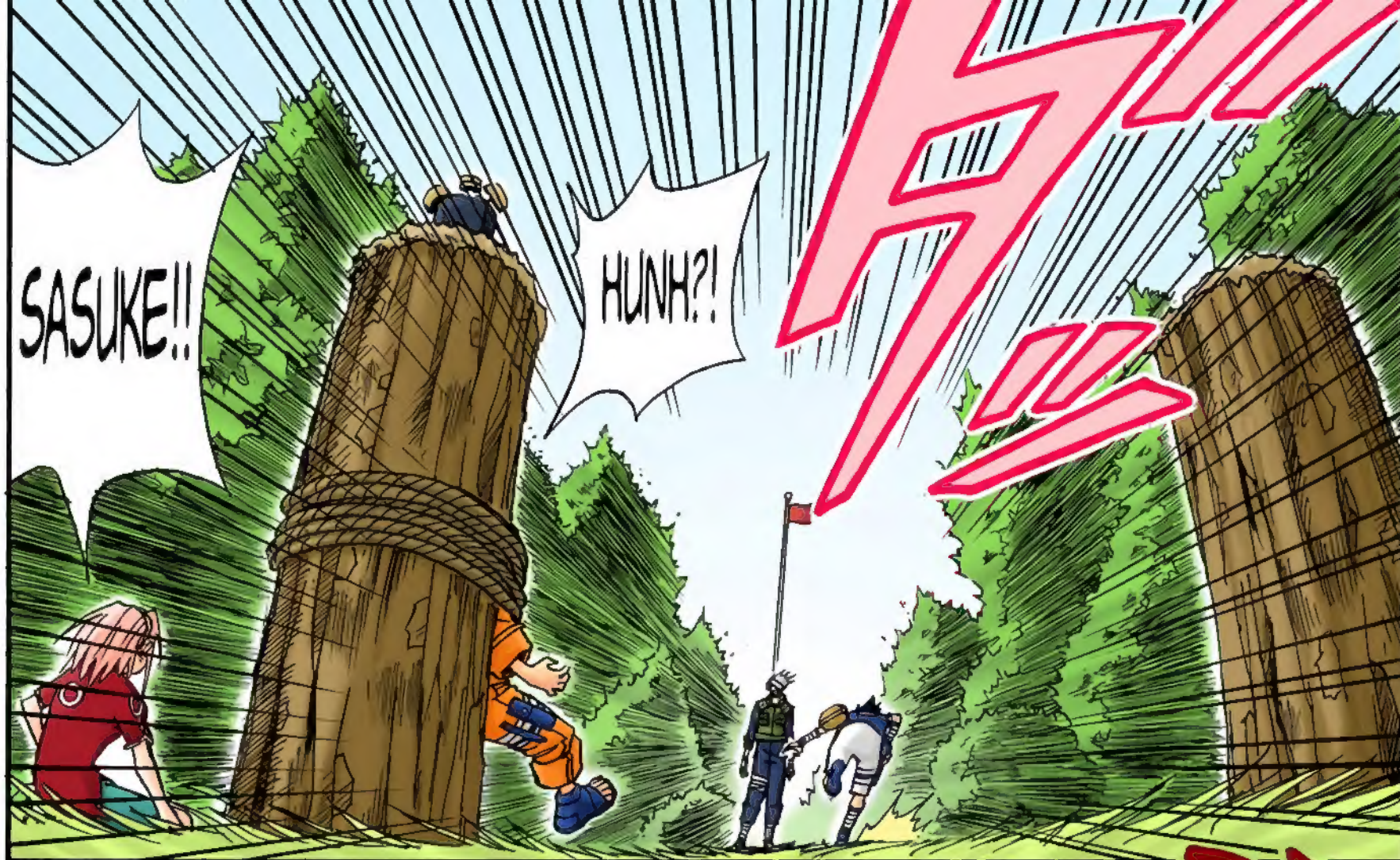


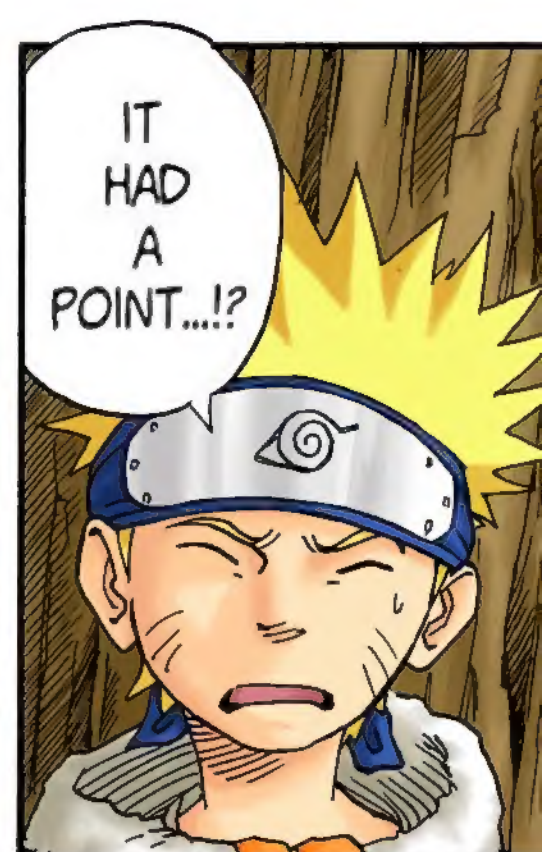
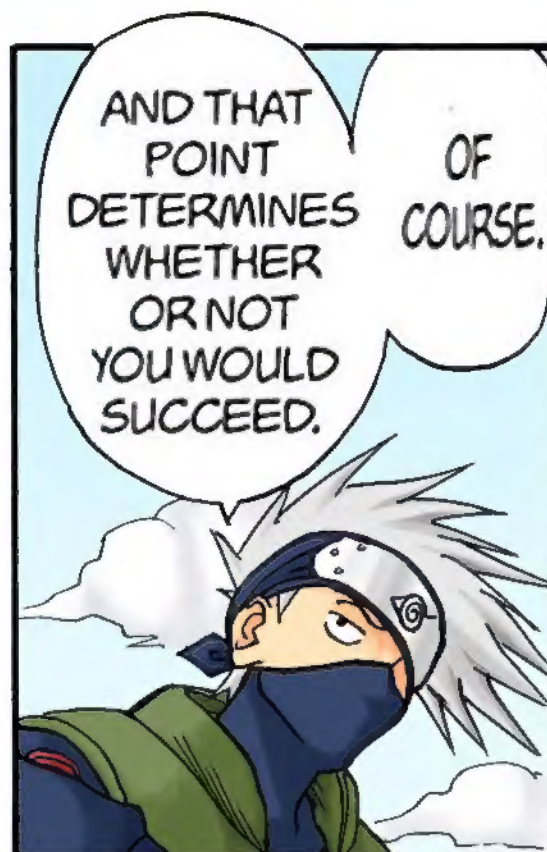
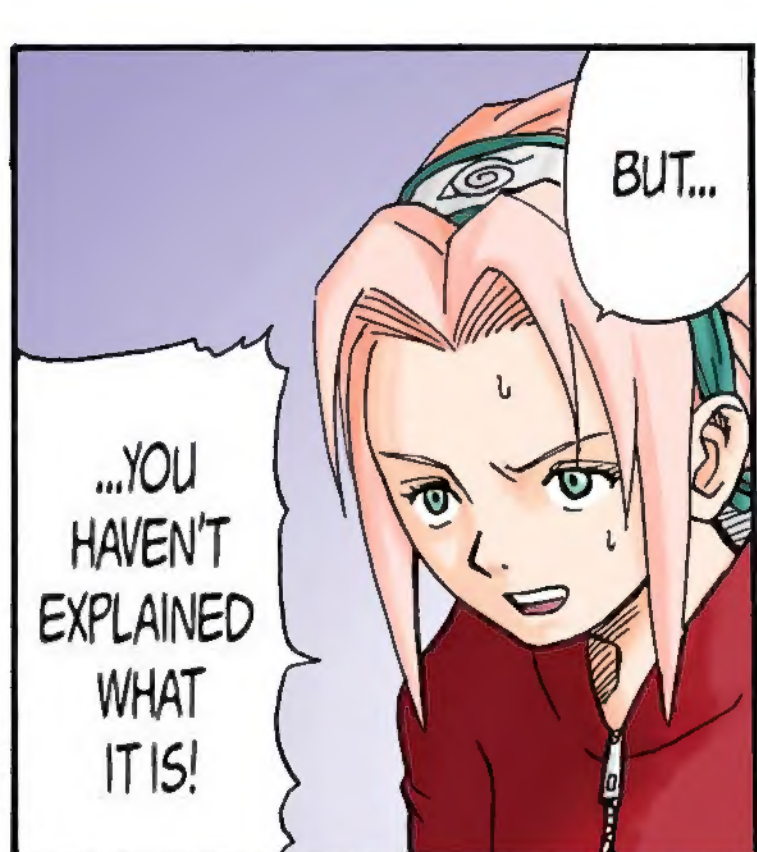
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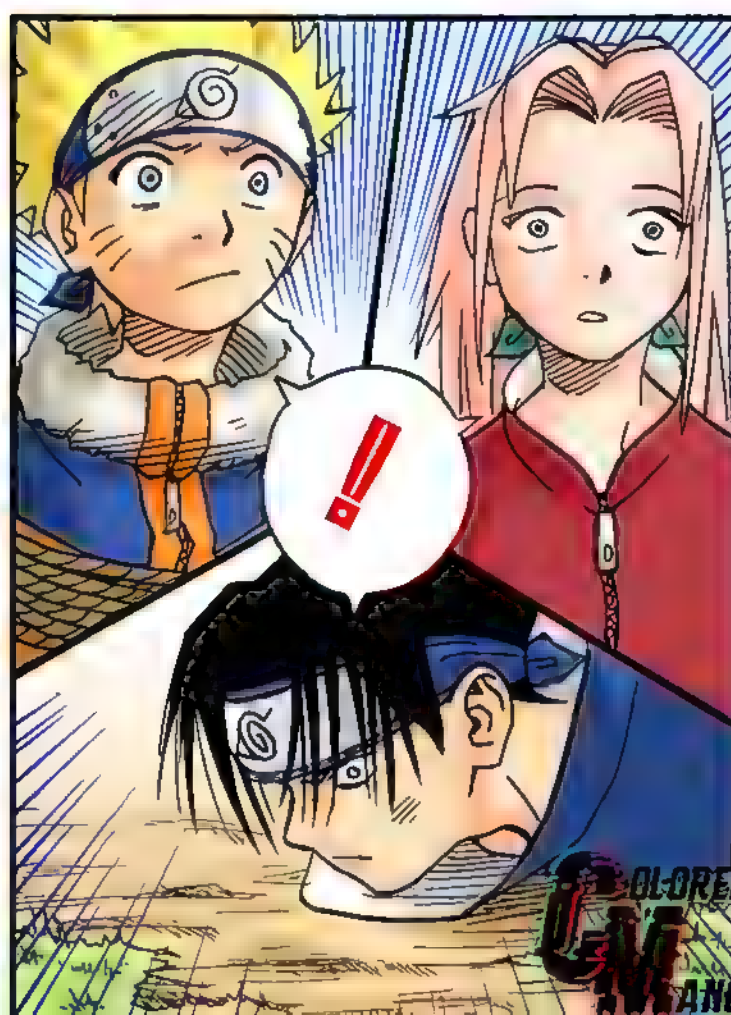
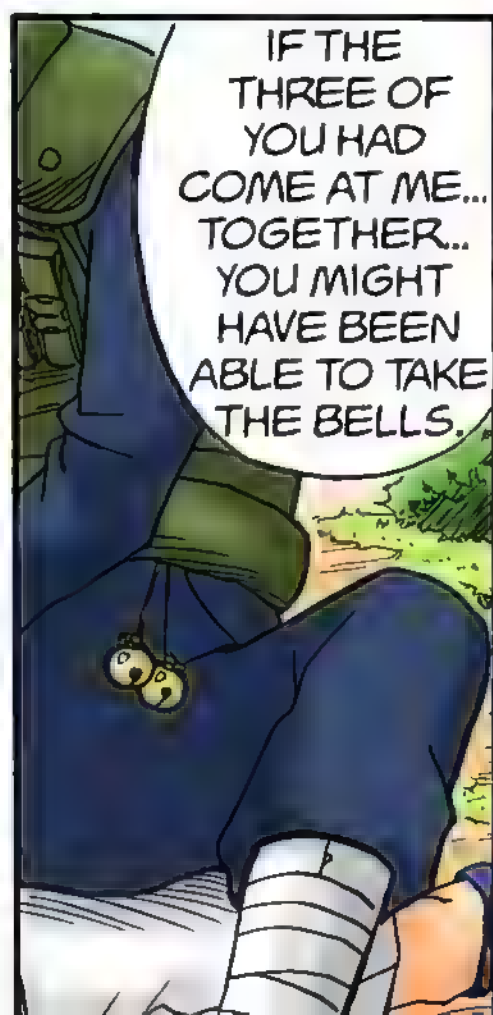


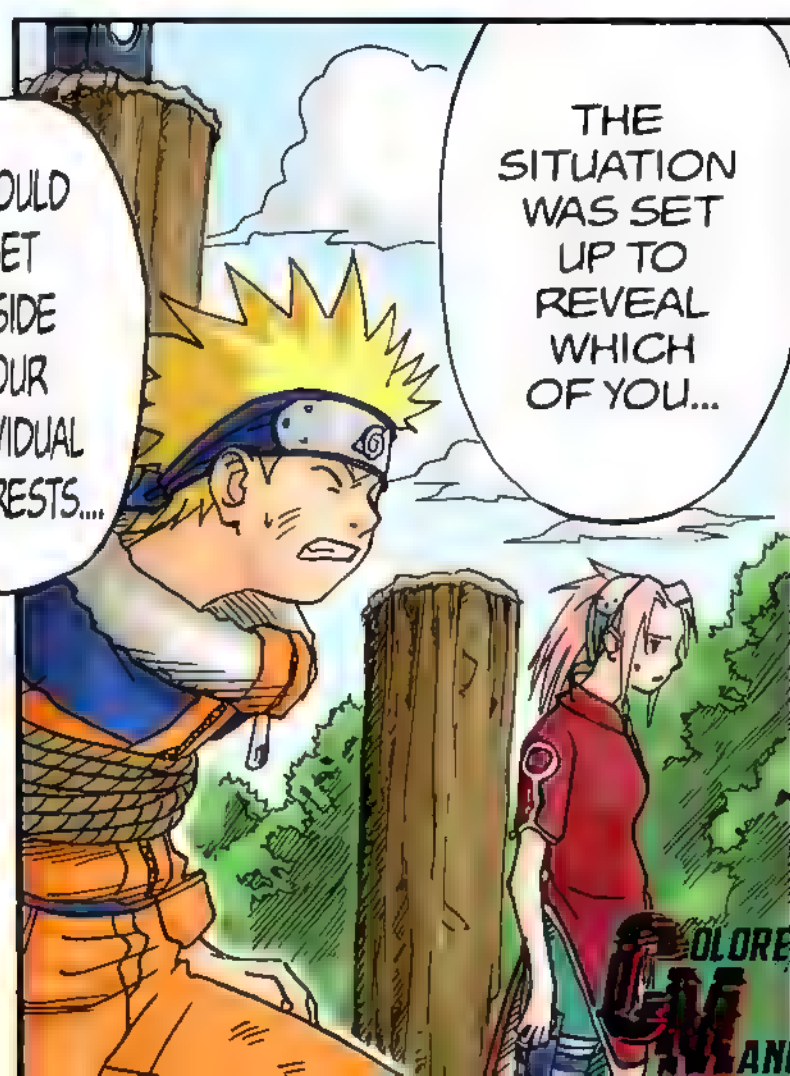
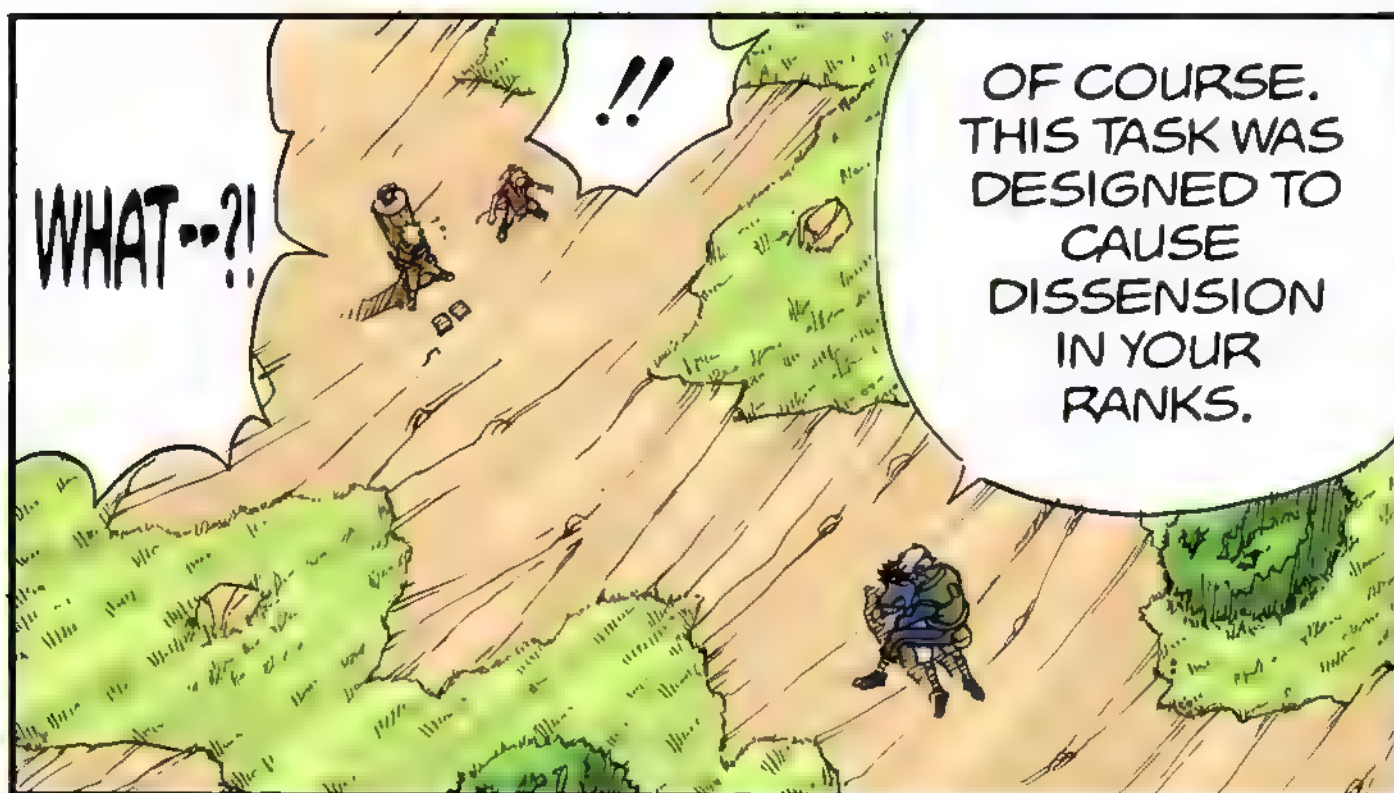
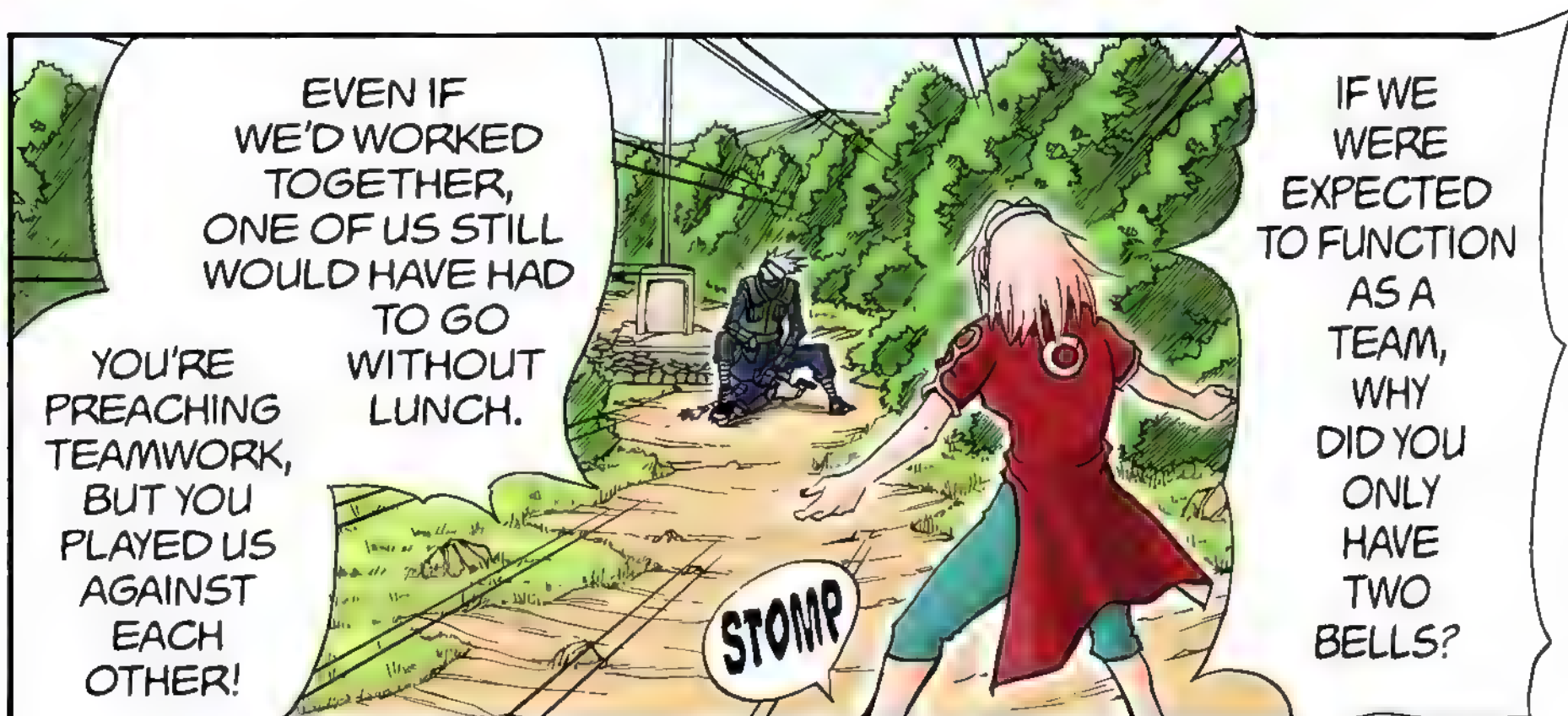
**BECAUSE
NOT
ONE OF
YOU...**

**...HAS
WHAT IT
TAKES!**









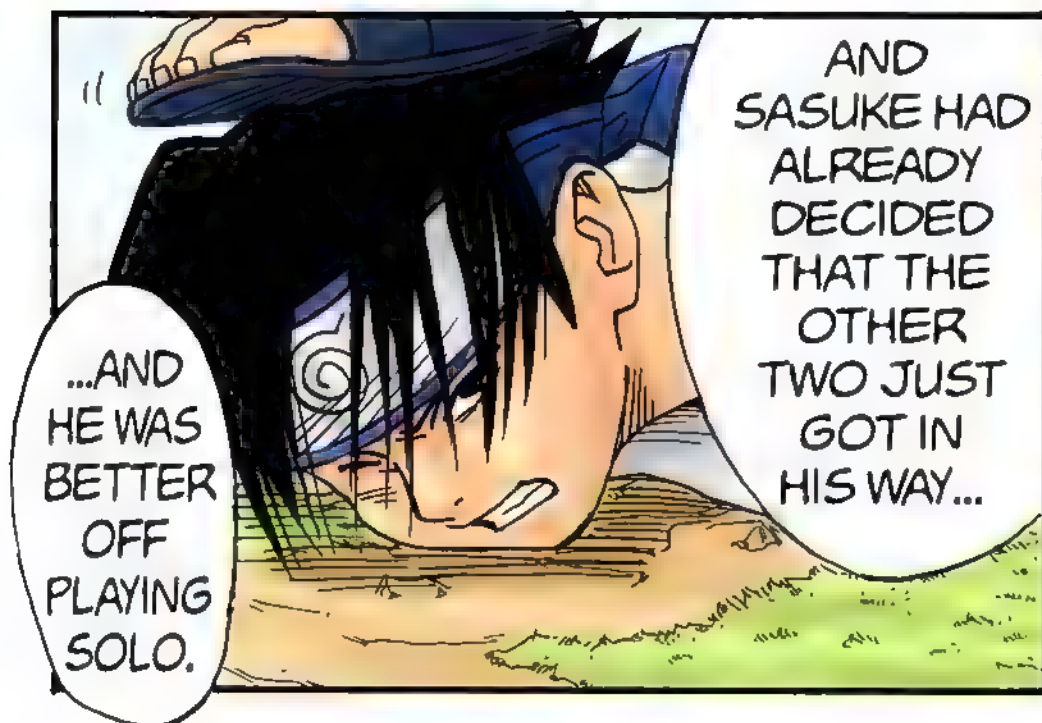


...WHILE YOU
FOCUSED
YOUR ATTENTION
ON SASUKE,
THOUGH
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW WHERE
HE WAS.

...YOU,
SAKURA,
IGNORED
NARUTO,
WHO WAS
RIGHT
IN FRONT
OF YOU...



INSTEAD
OF
WHICH...

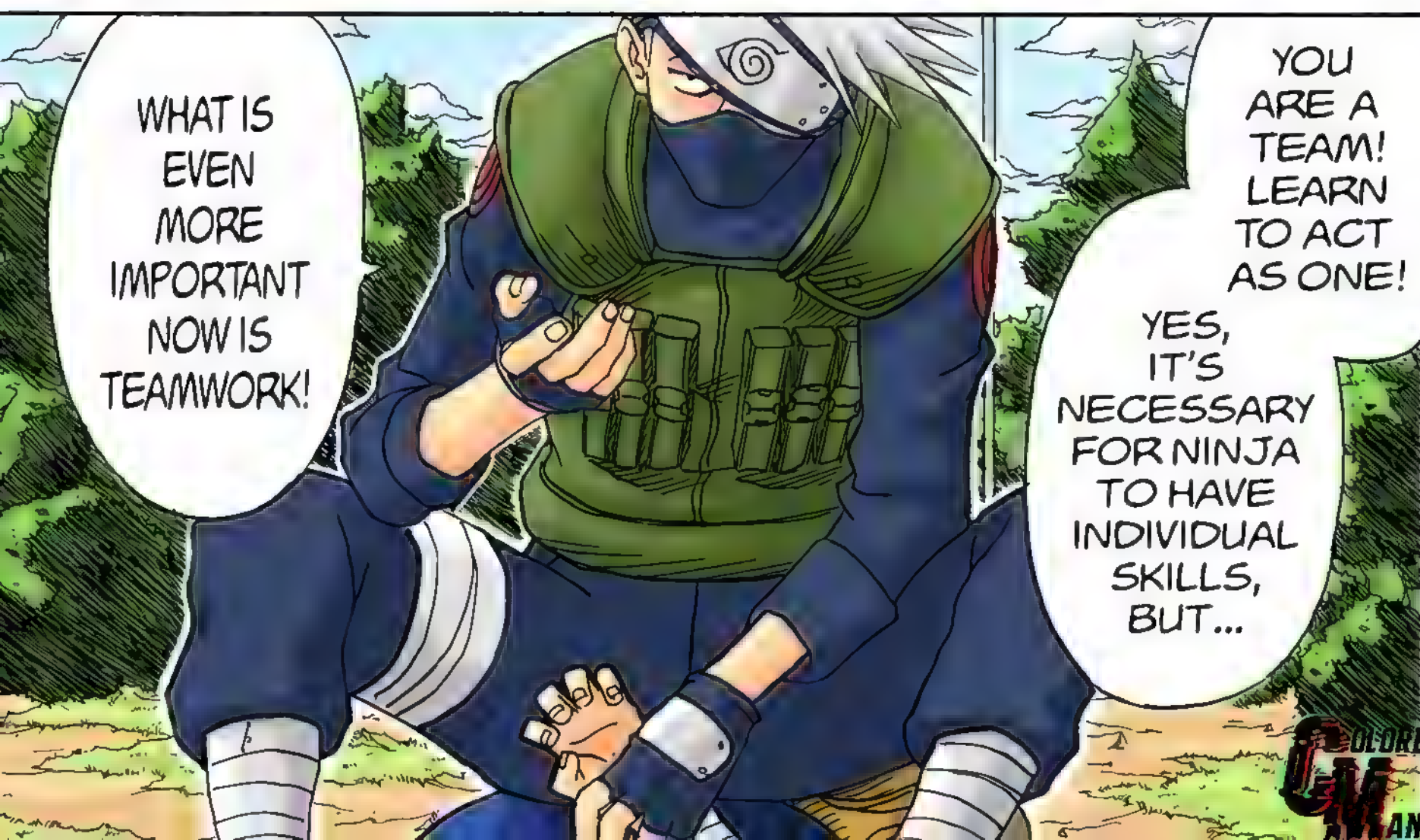


...AND
HE WAS
BETTER
OFF
PLAYING
SOLO.

AND
SASUKE HAD
ALREADY
DECIDED
THAT THE
OTHER
TWO JUST
GOT IN
HIS WAY...



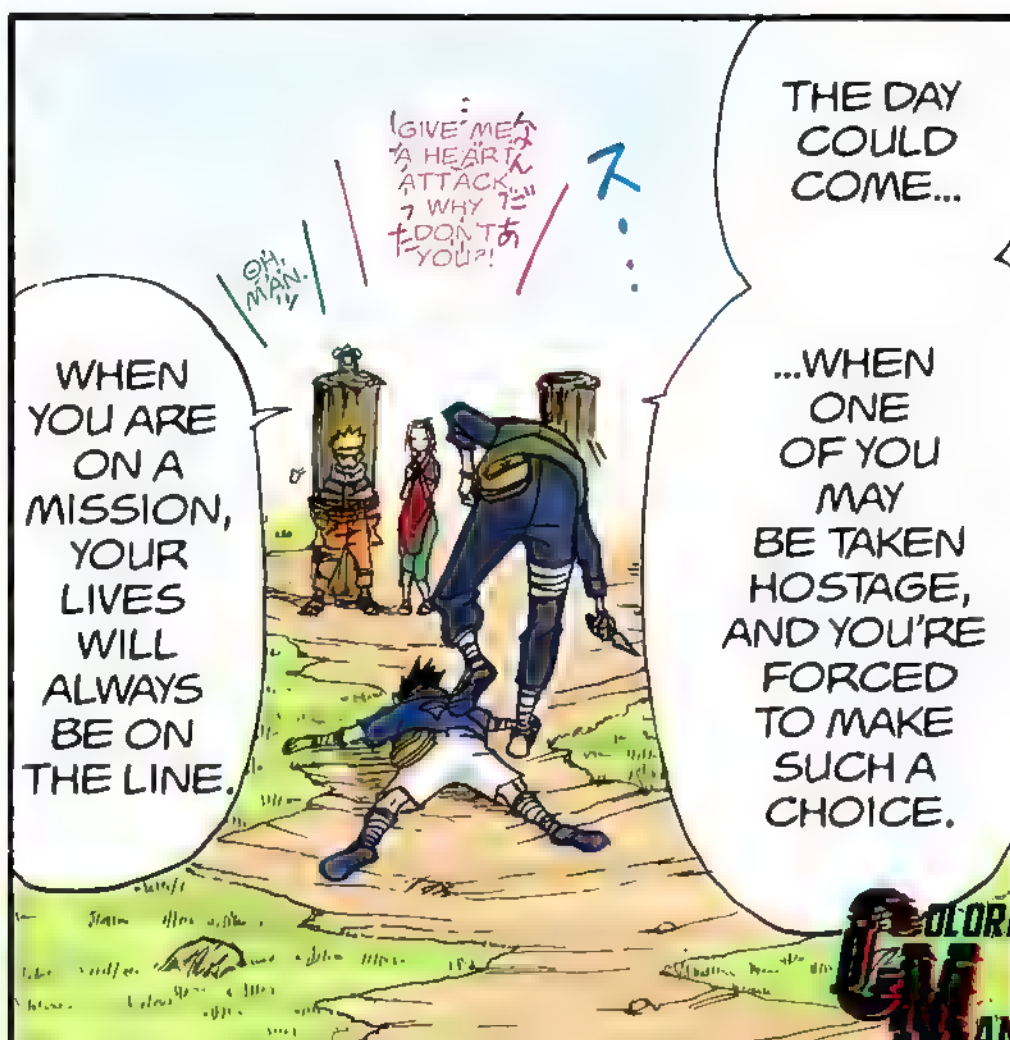
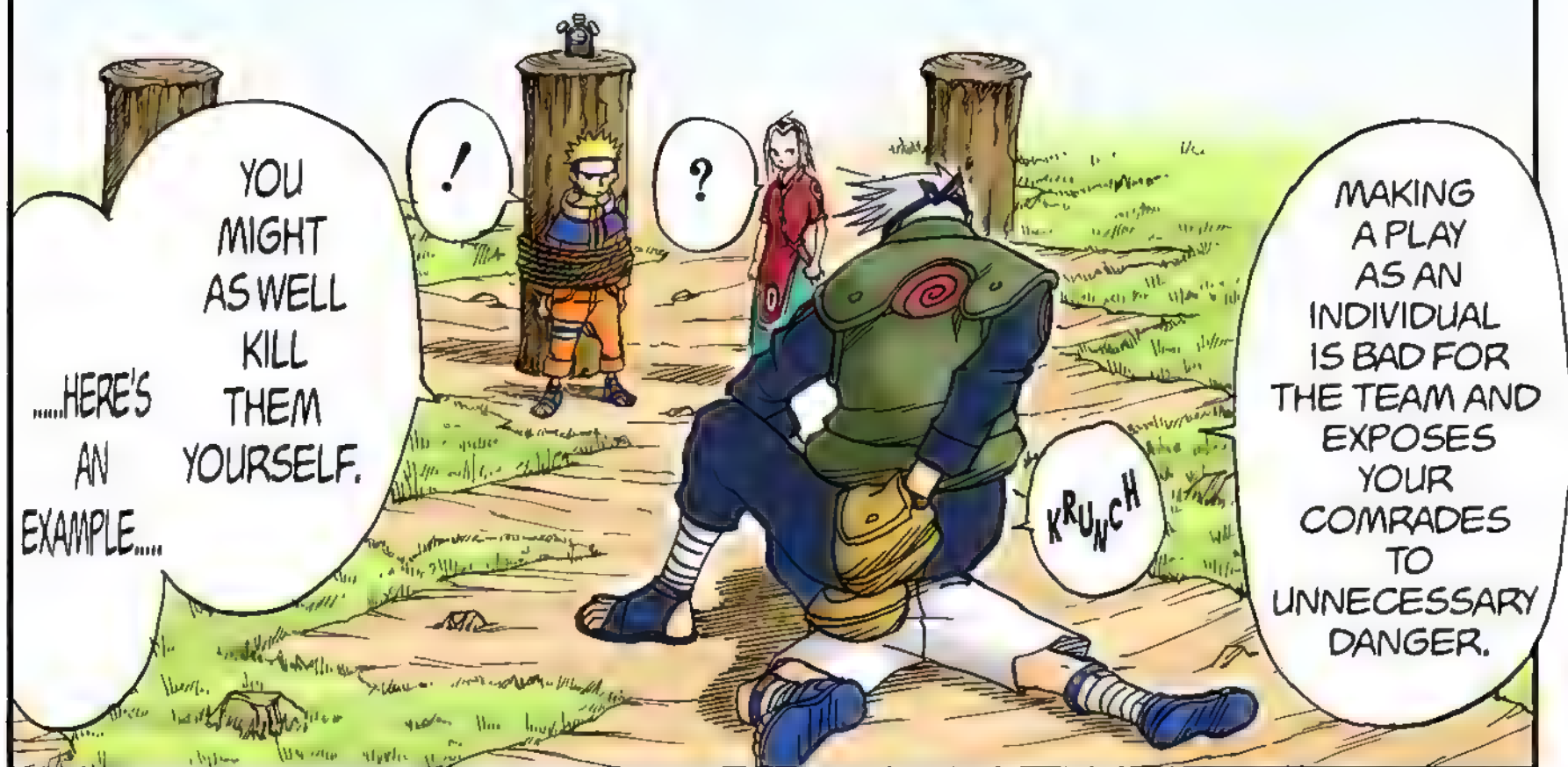
NARUTO
TRIED
TO DO
SINGLE-
HANDEDLY
WHAT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
THE WORK
OF ALL
THREE!



WHAT IS
EVEN
MORE
IMPORTANT
NOW IS
TEAMWORK!

YOU
ARE A
TEAM!
LEARN
TO ACT
AS ONE!

YES,
IT'S
NECESSARY
FOR NINJA
TO HAVE
INDIVIDUAL
SKILLS,
BUT...



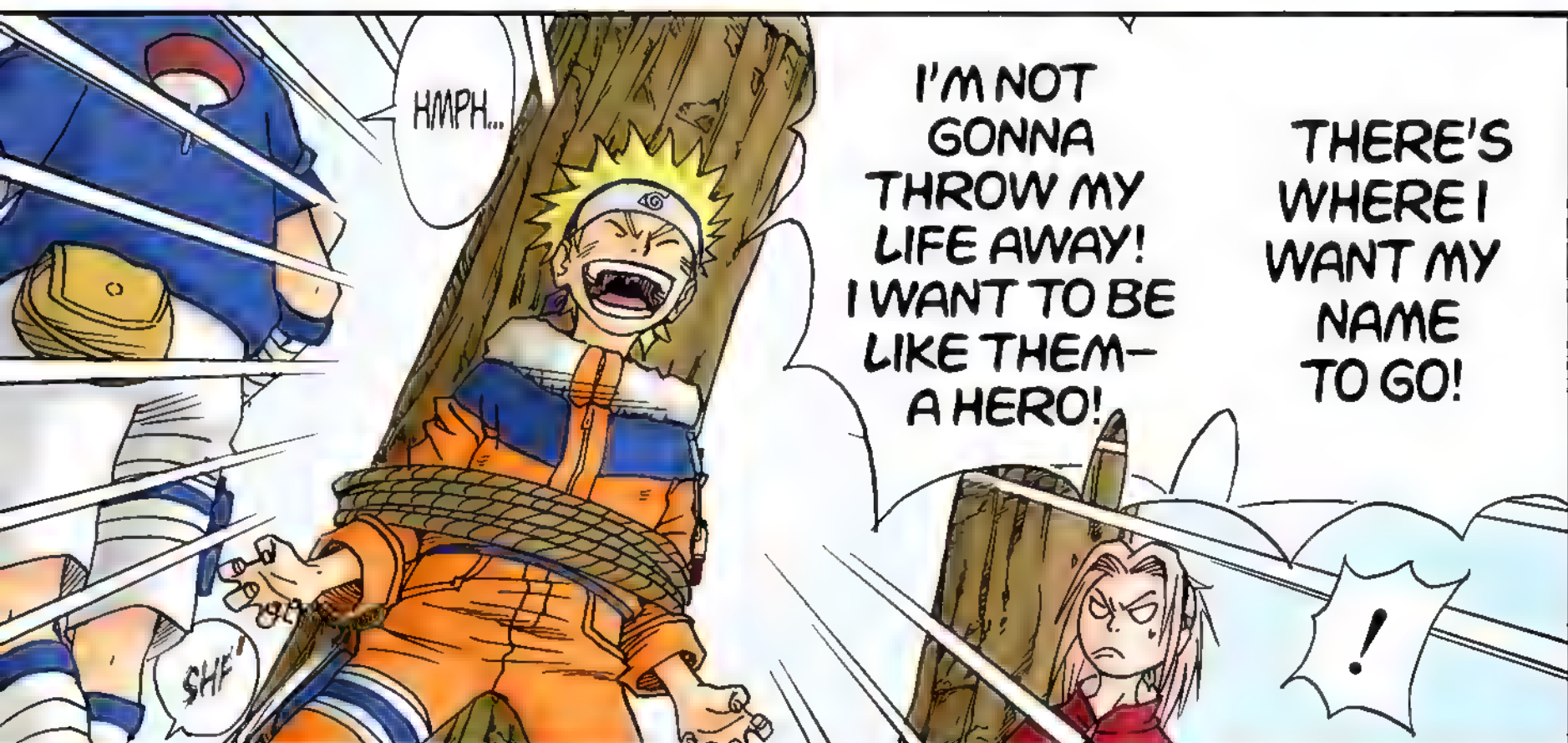


THAT'S IT!
I JUST
MADE UP
MY MIND!

HEROES
OF
OUR
VILLAGE.

NINJA.

LOOK
AT THE
MARKER...
ALL THE
NAMES
CARVED IN
THE STONE.

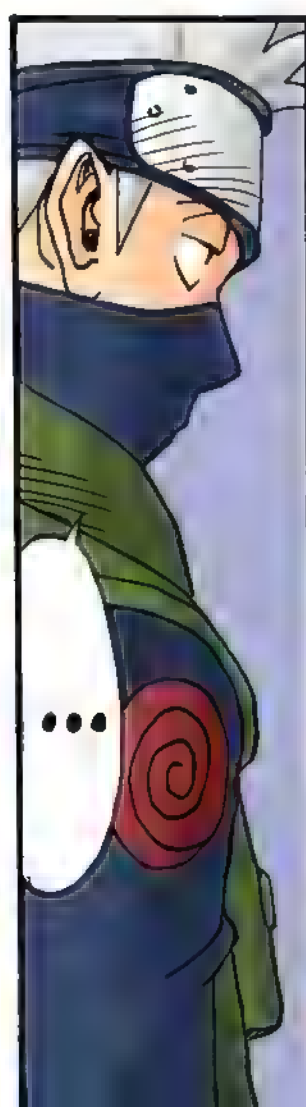


I'M NOT
GONNA
THROW MY
LIFE AWAY!
I WANT TO BE
LIKE THEM—
A HERO!

THERE'S
WHERE I
WANT MY
NAME
TO GO!



COME
ON! COME
ON!



WHAT
KIND
OF
HEROES
ARE
THEY?

REALLY?

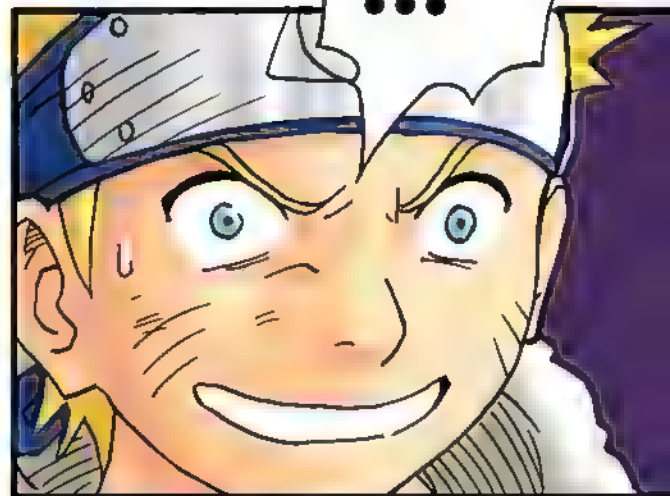
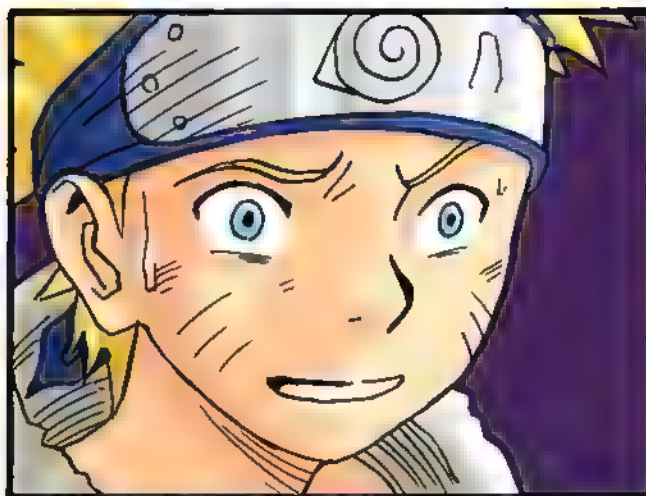
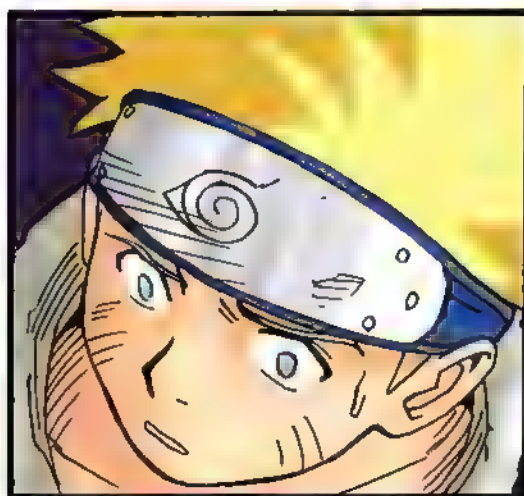


...BUT
THE
ONES
LISTED
THERE
AREN'T
JUST
ANY
HEROES.....

~AHEM!~

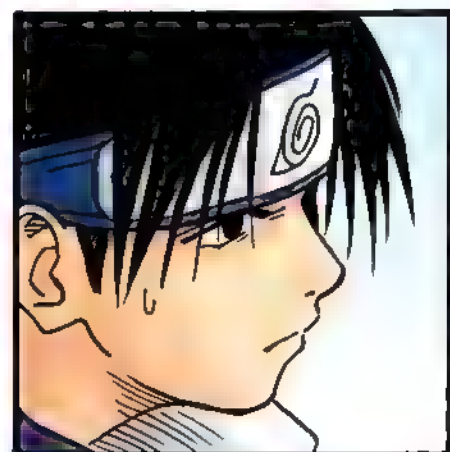
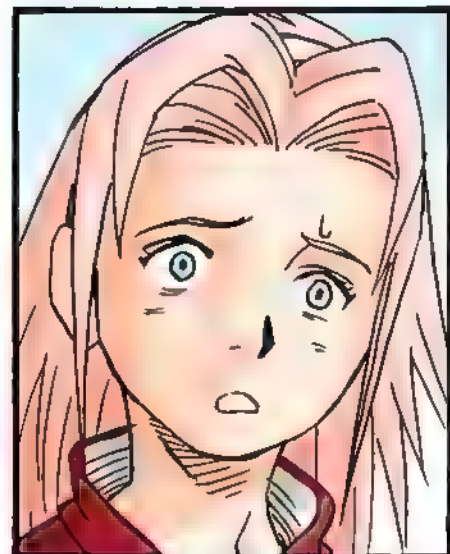


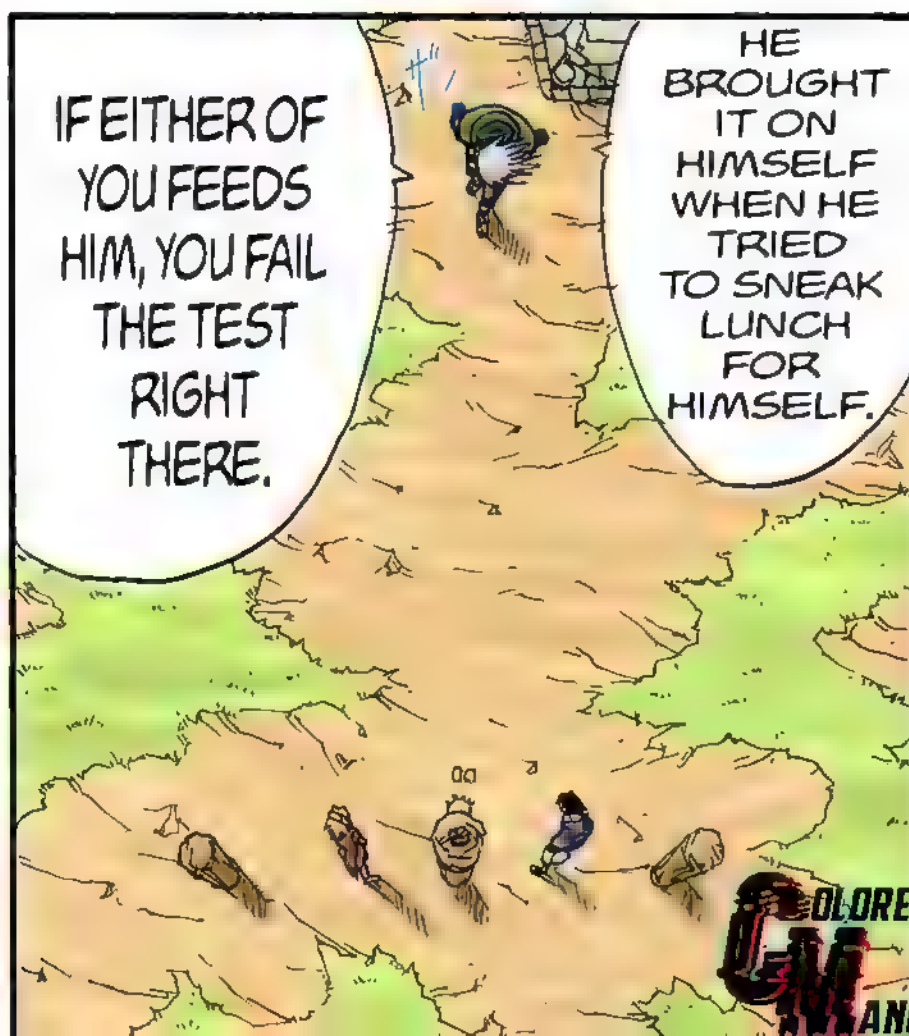
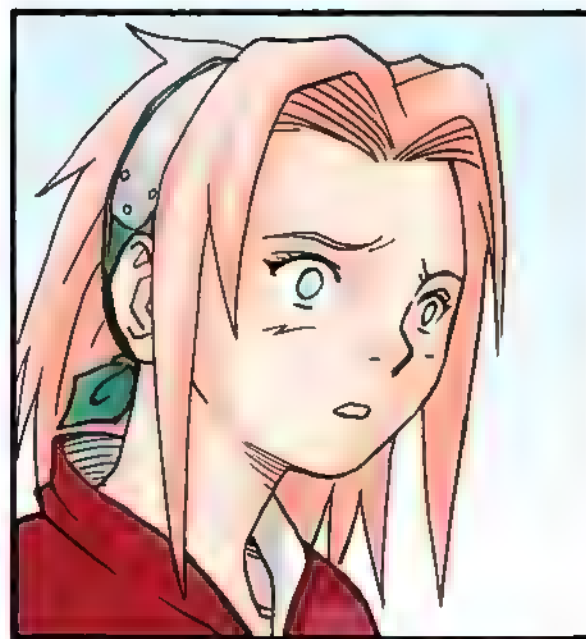
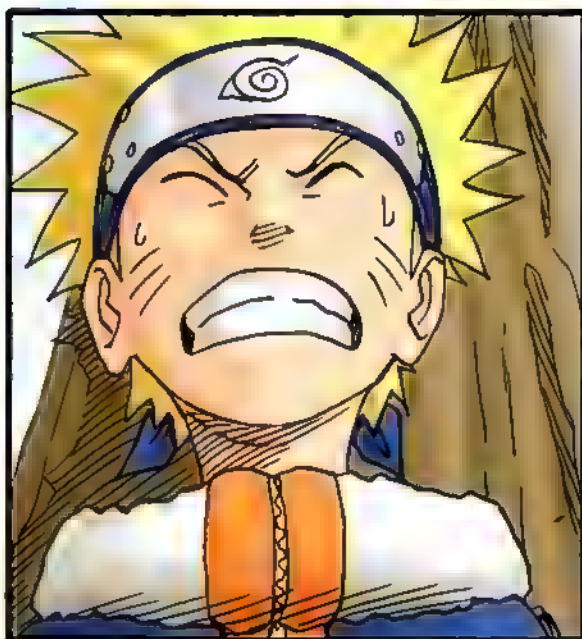
THE
DEAD
KIND.
THEY DIED
IN THE
LINE OF
DUTY.

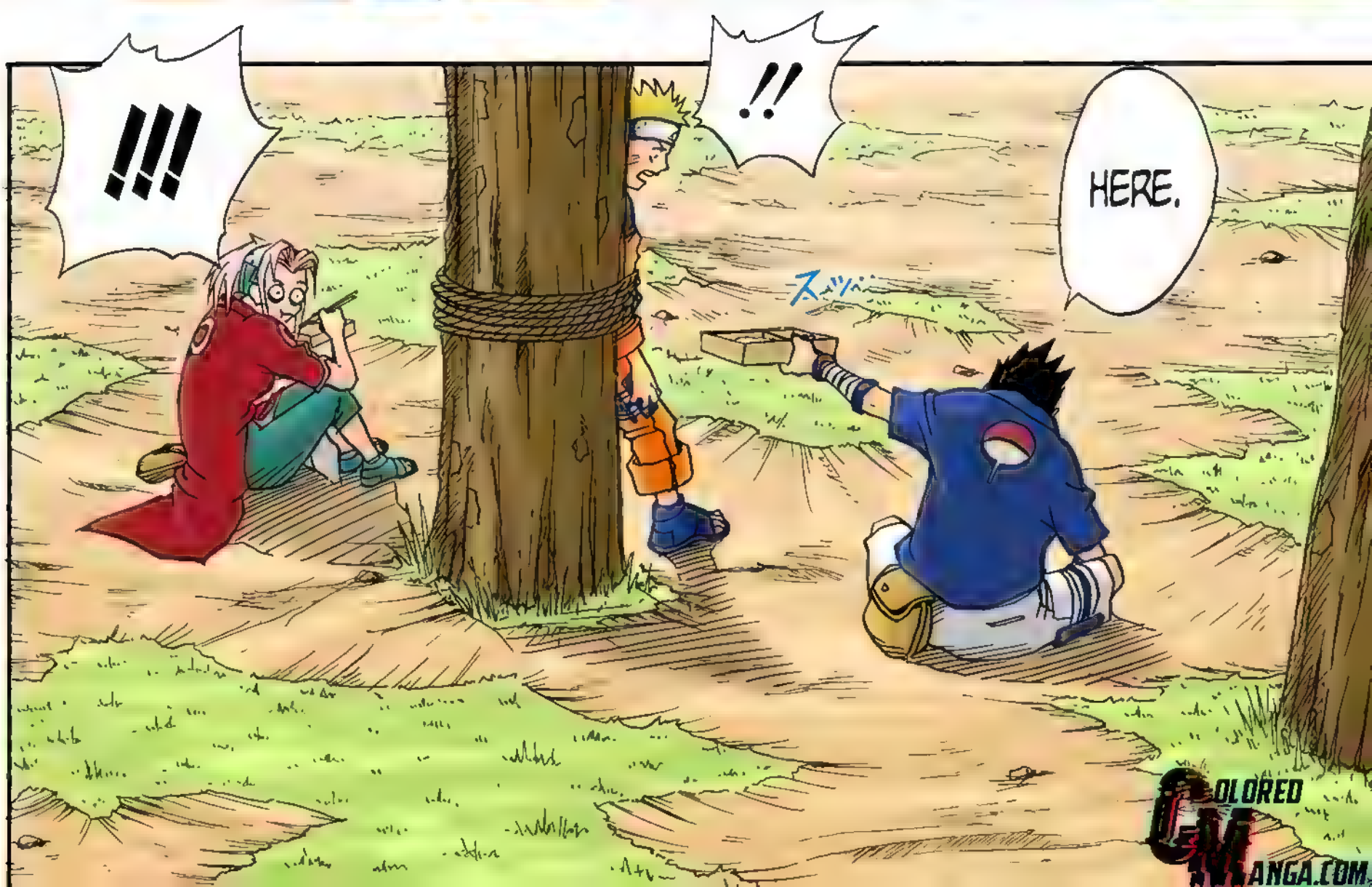
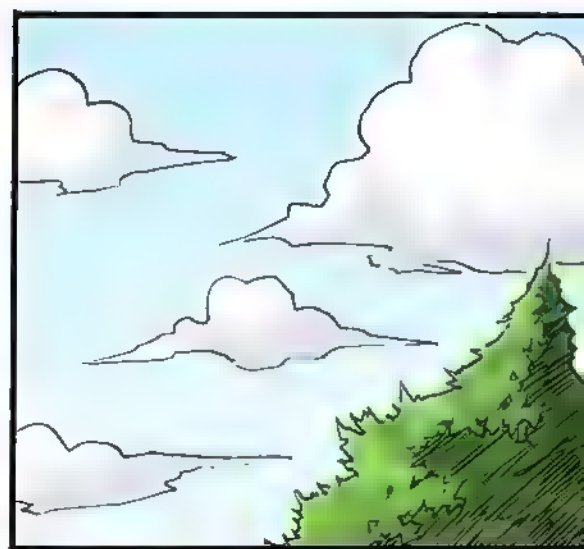
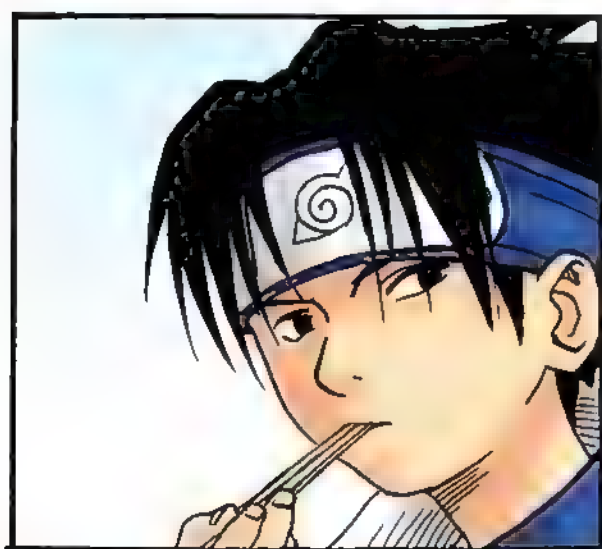
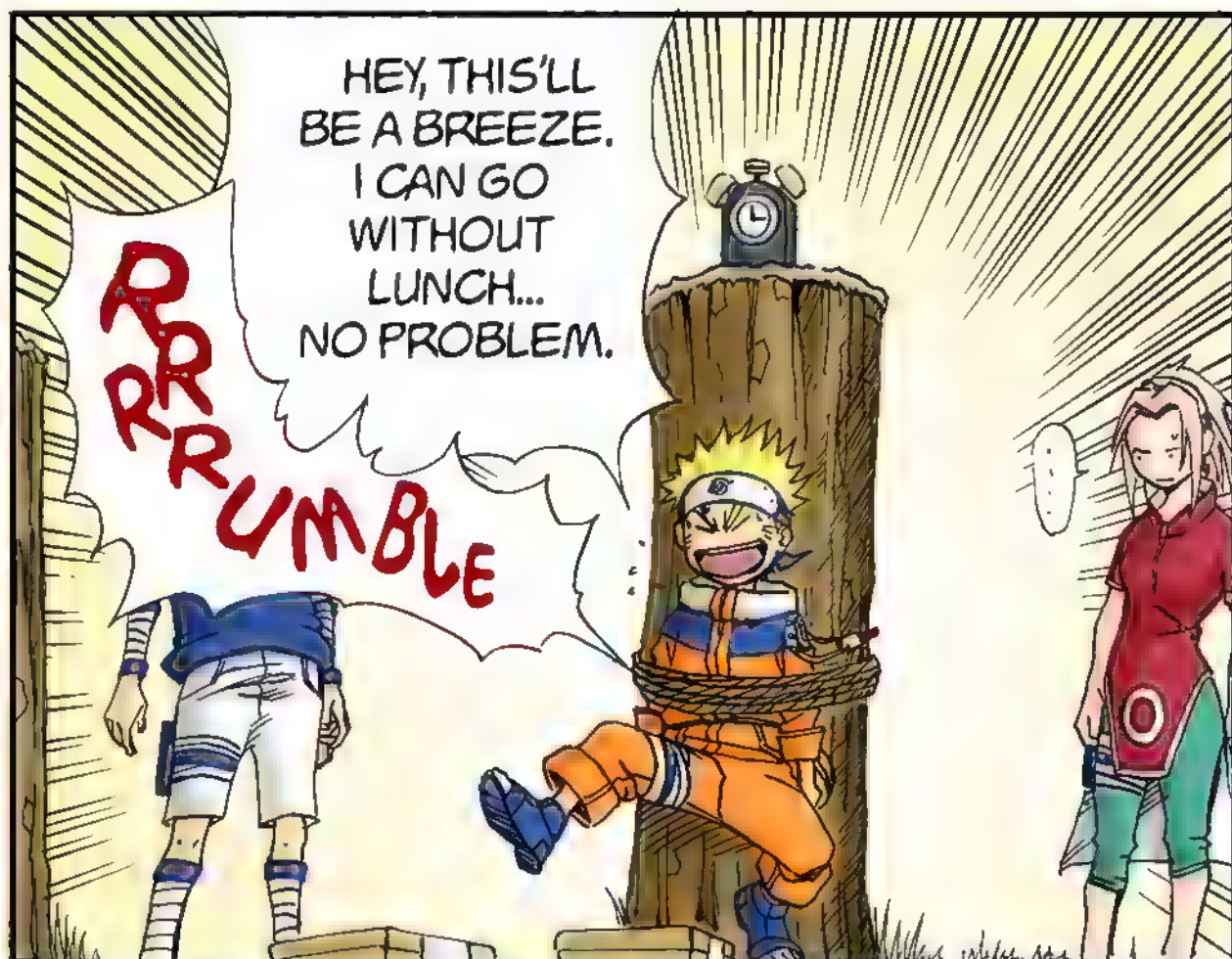


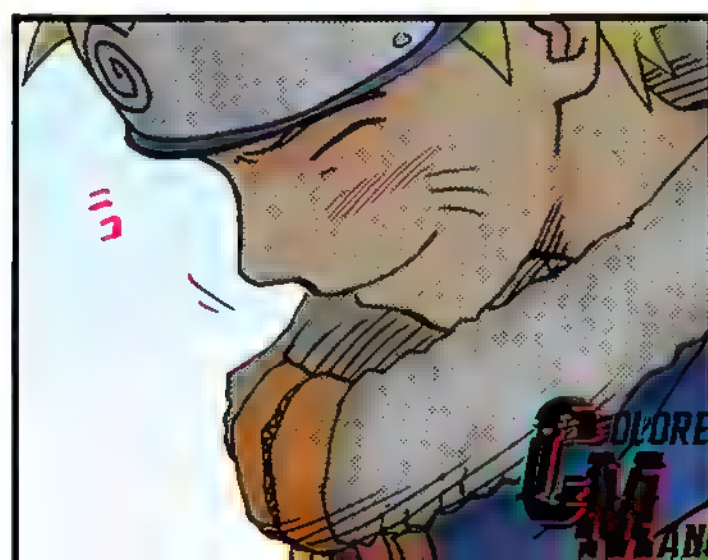
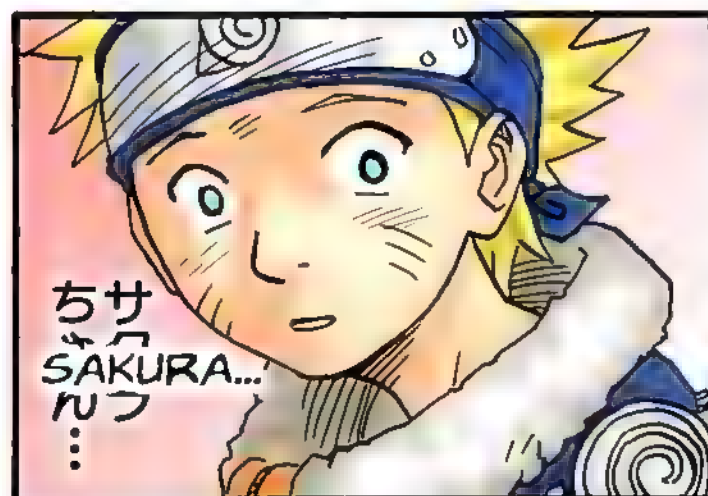
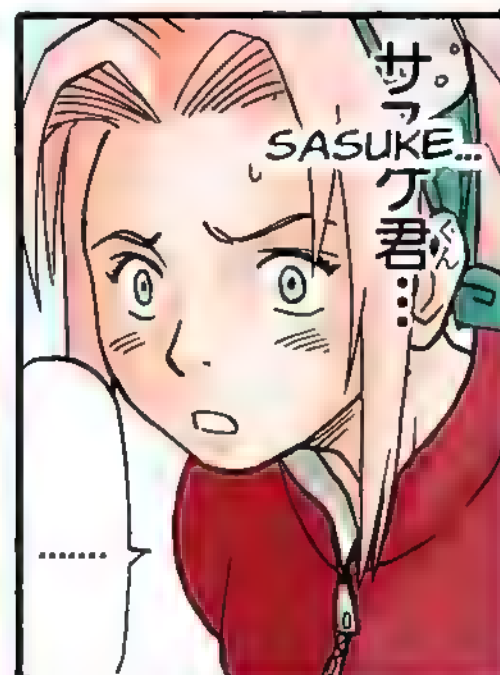
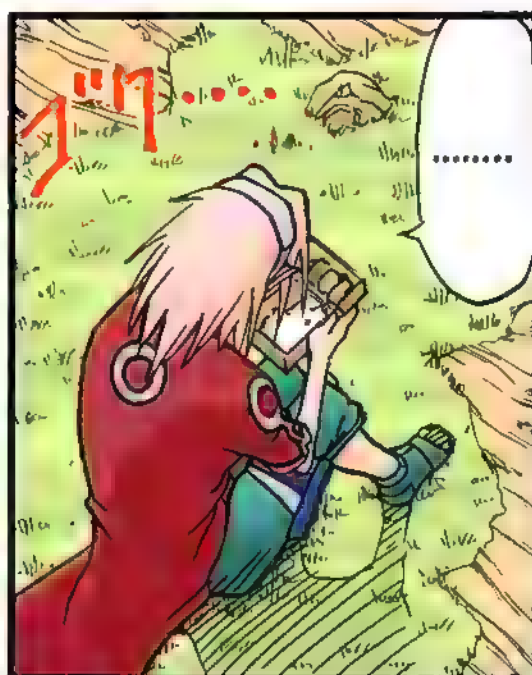
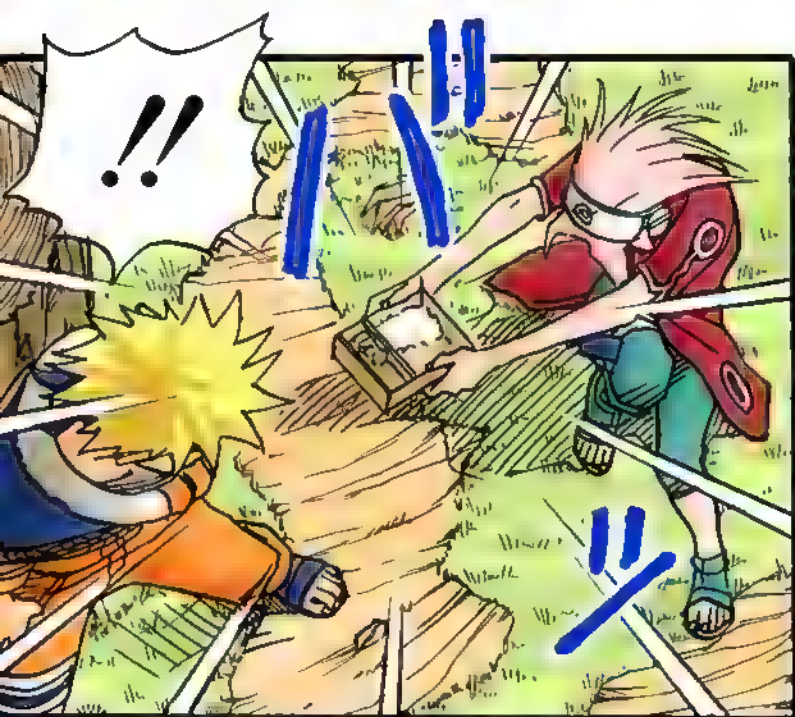
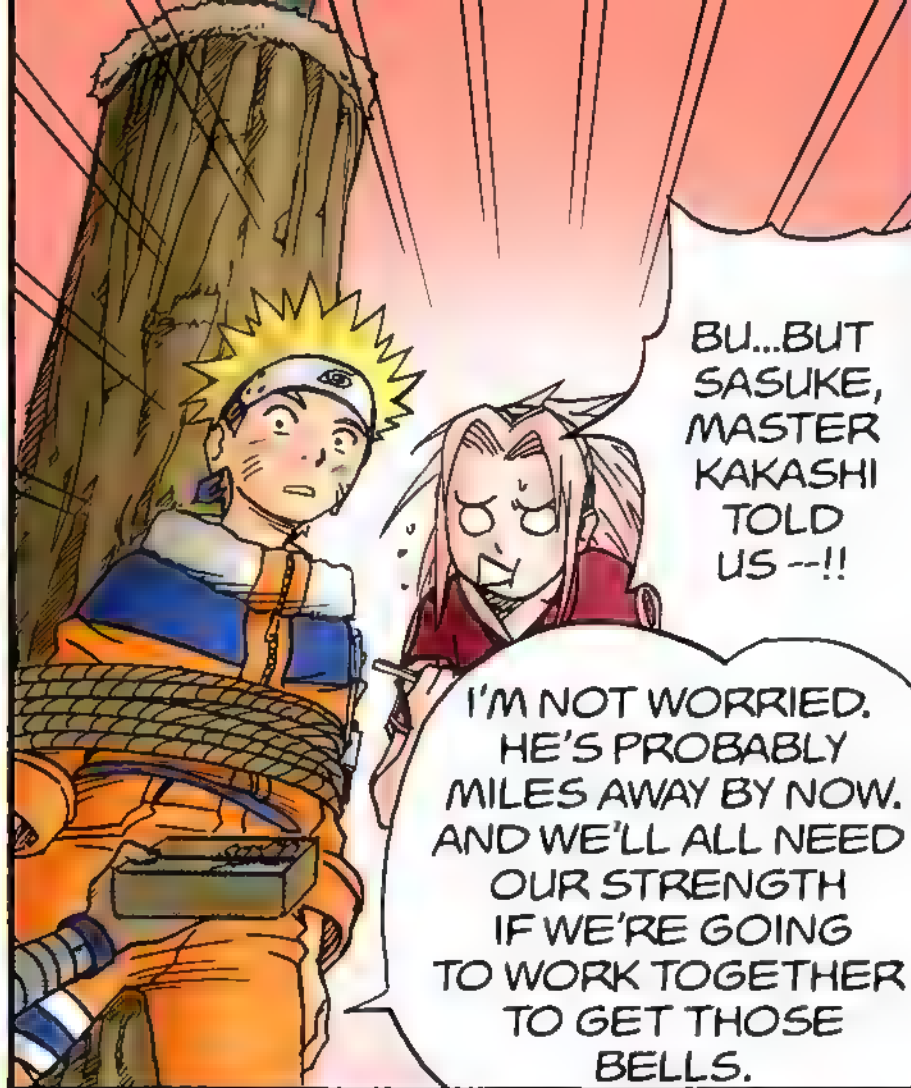
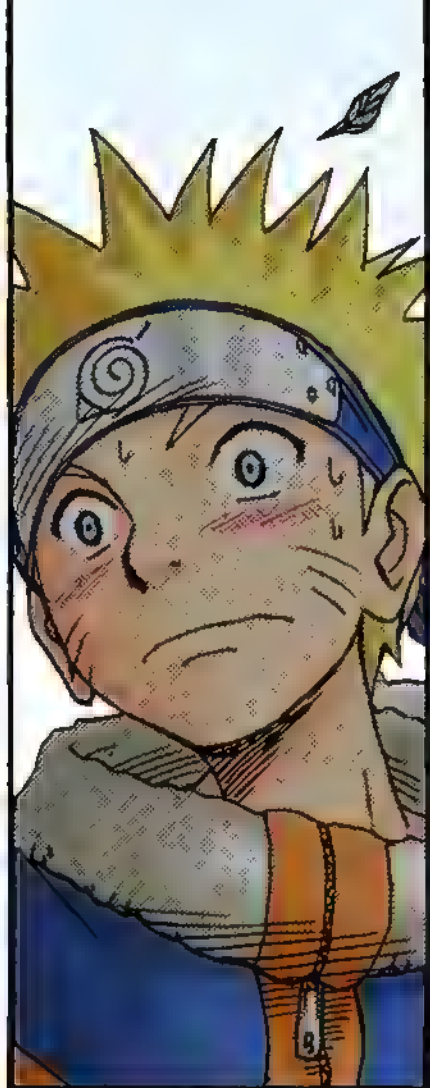
IT INCLUDES
THE NAMES
OF MY
BEST
FRIENDS.

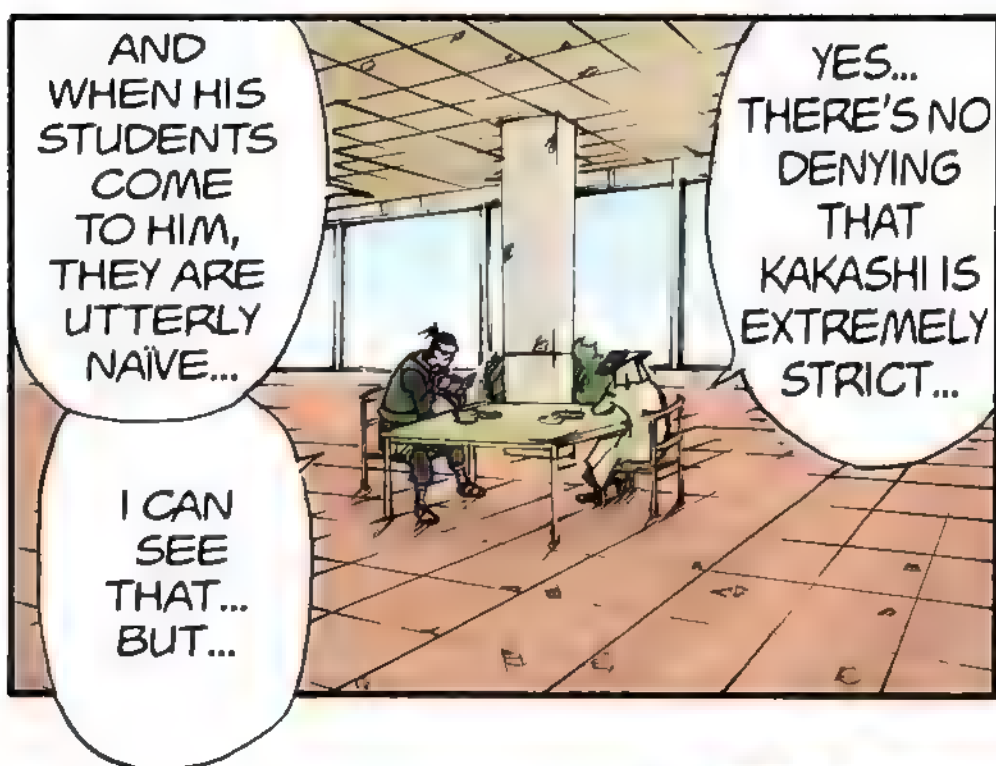
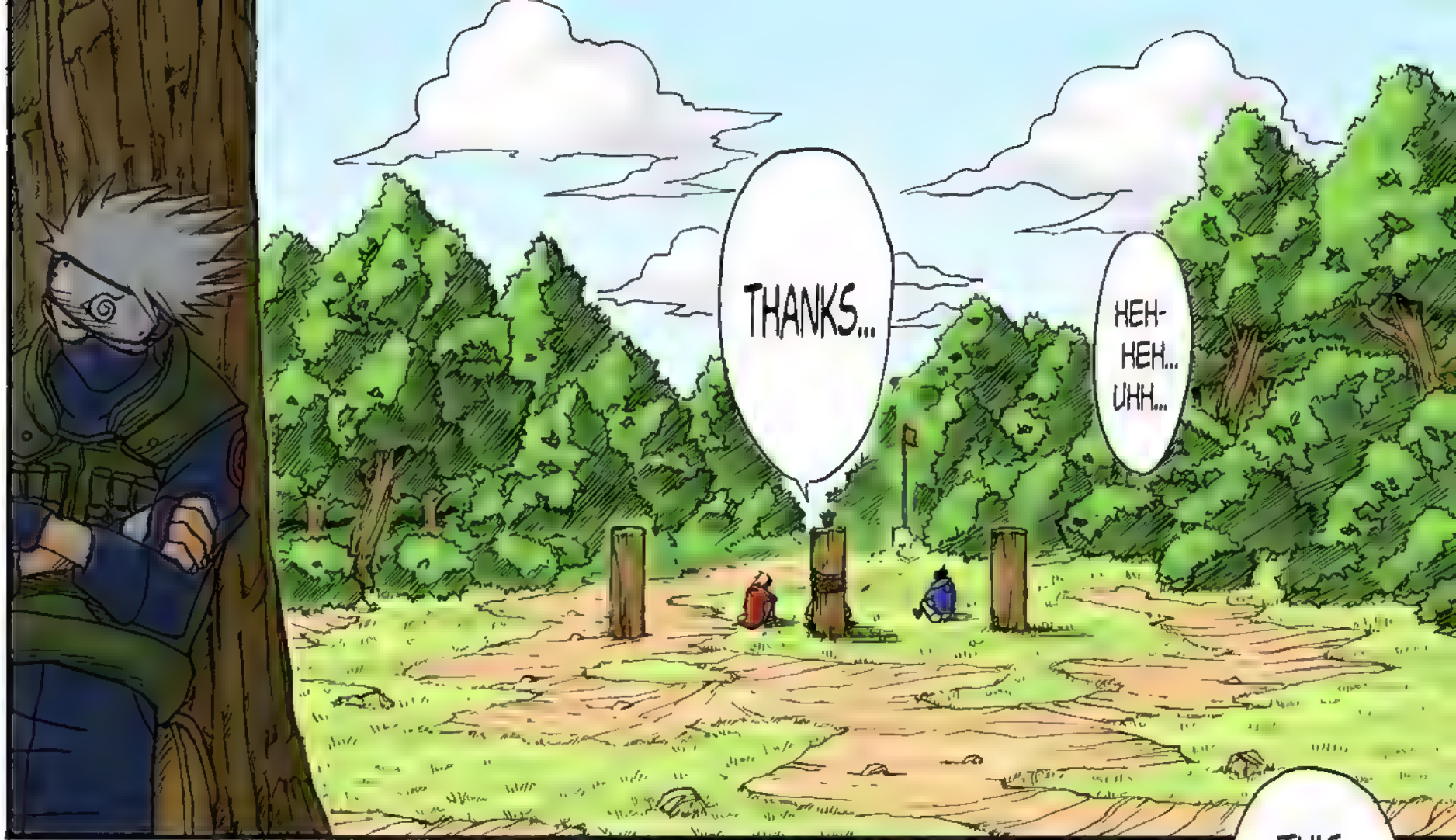
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MEMORIAL.

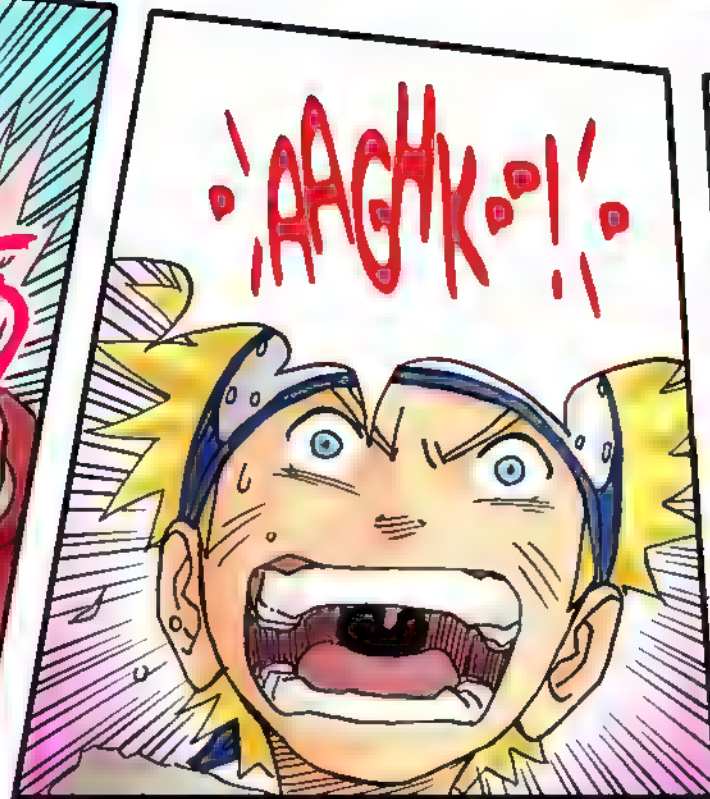
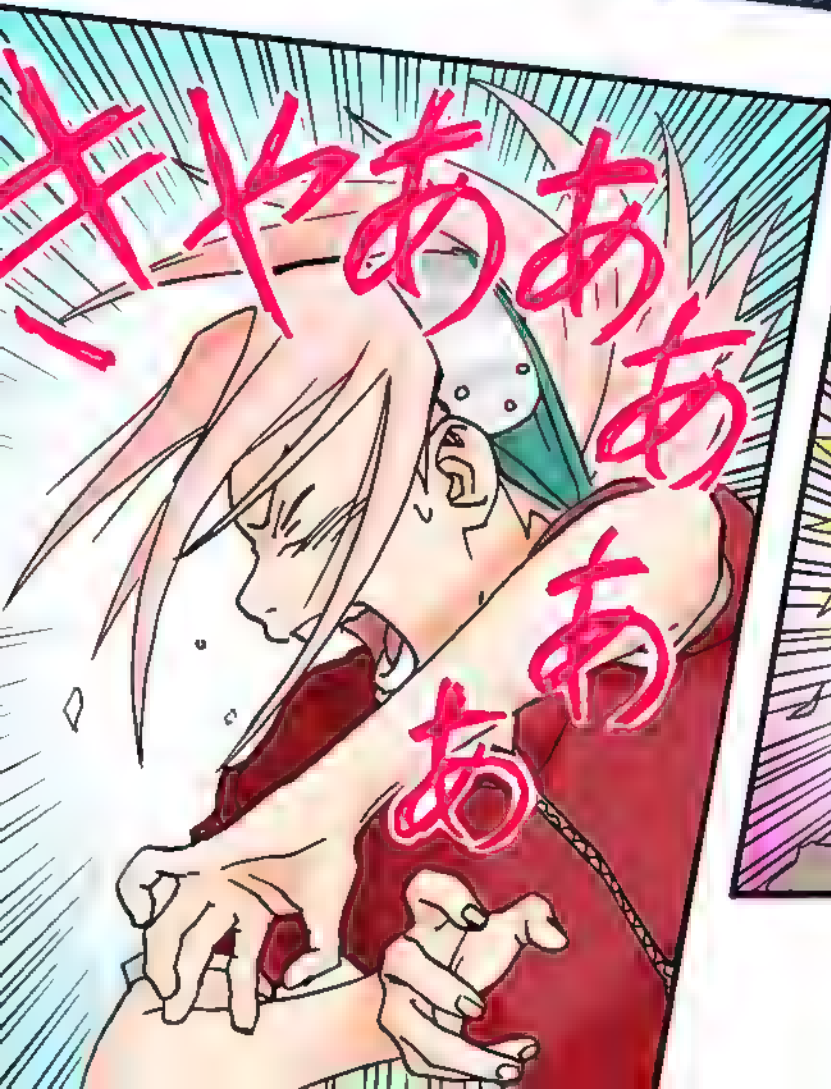
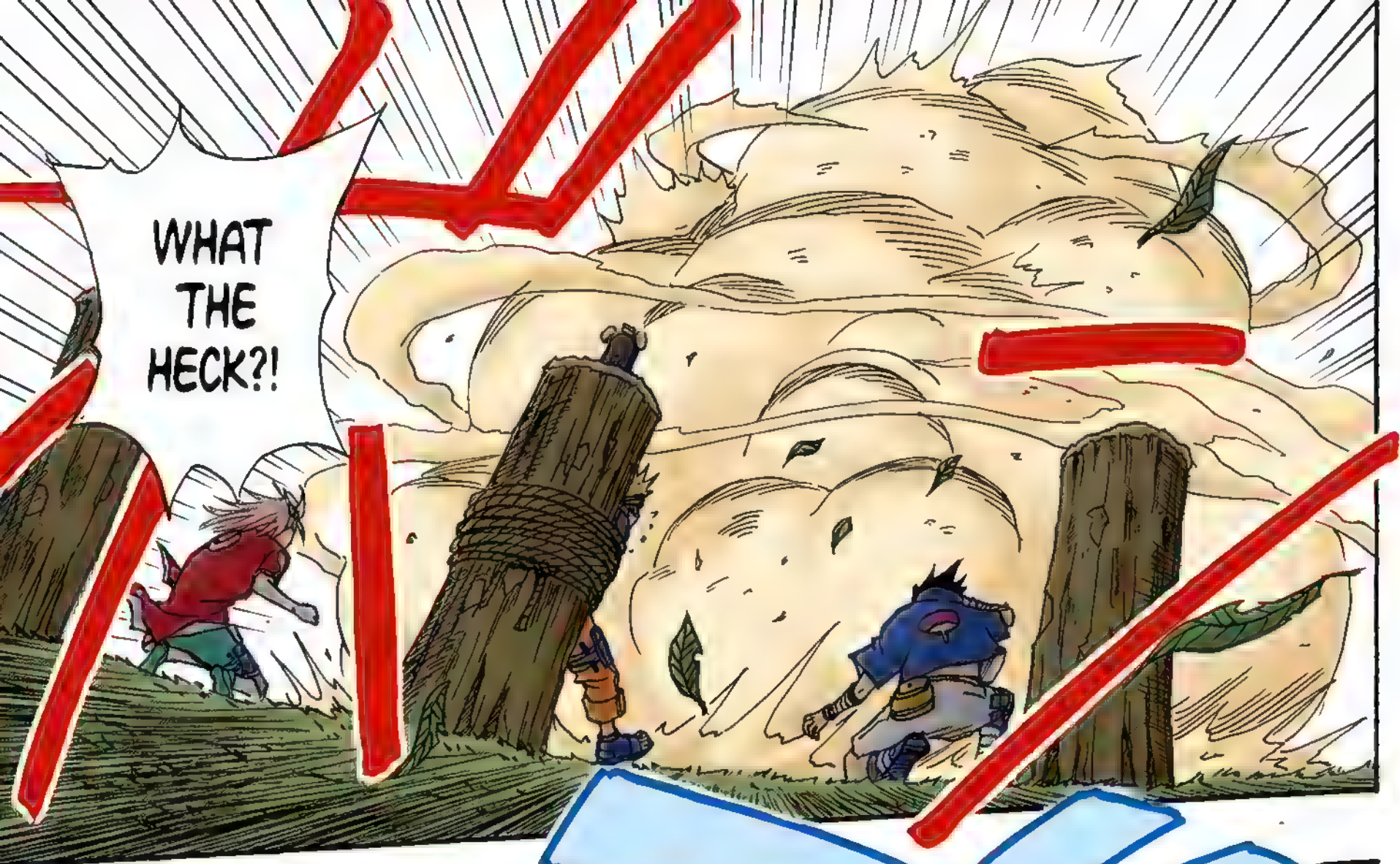


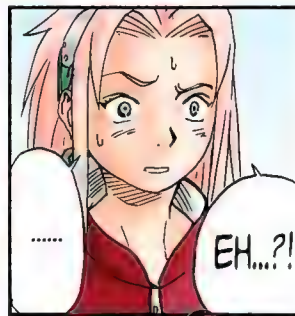


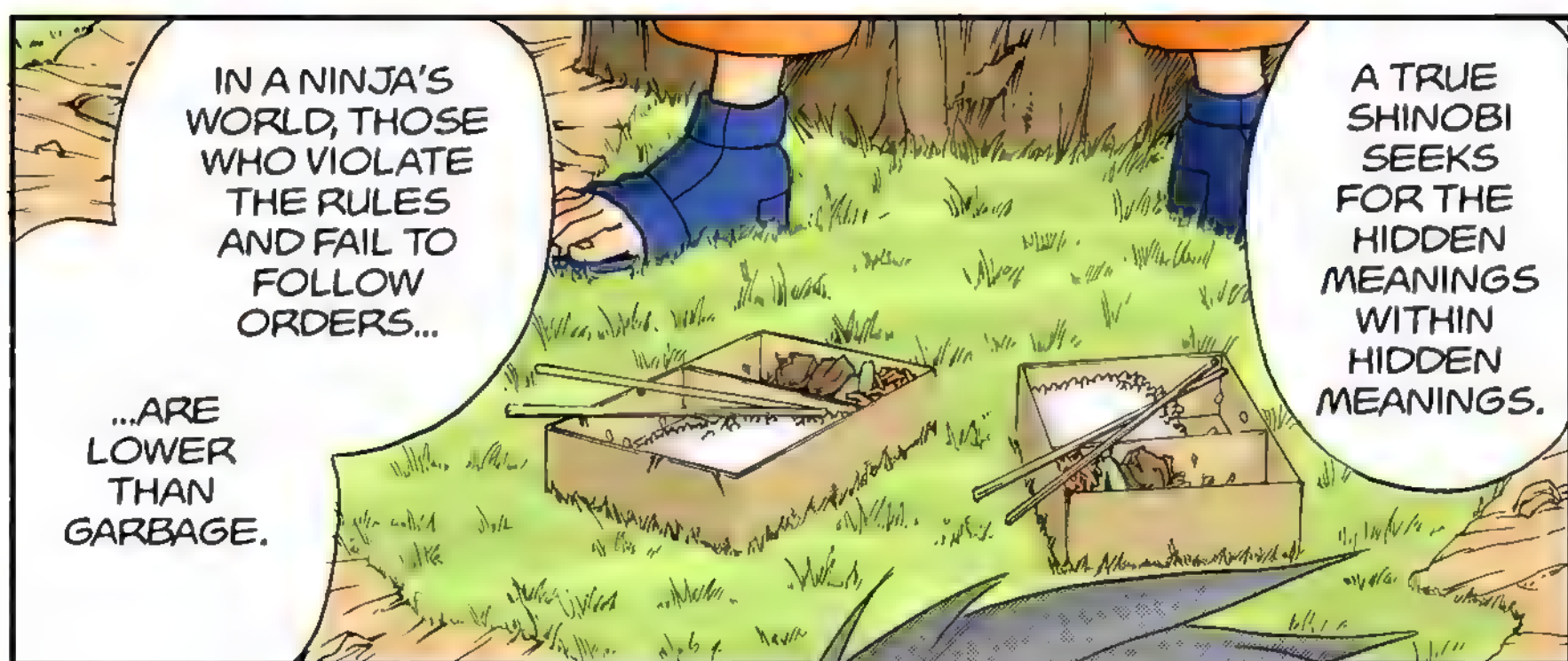
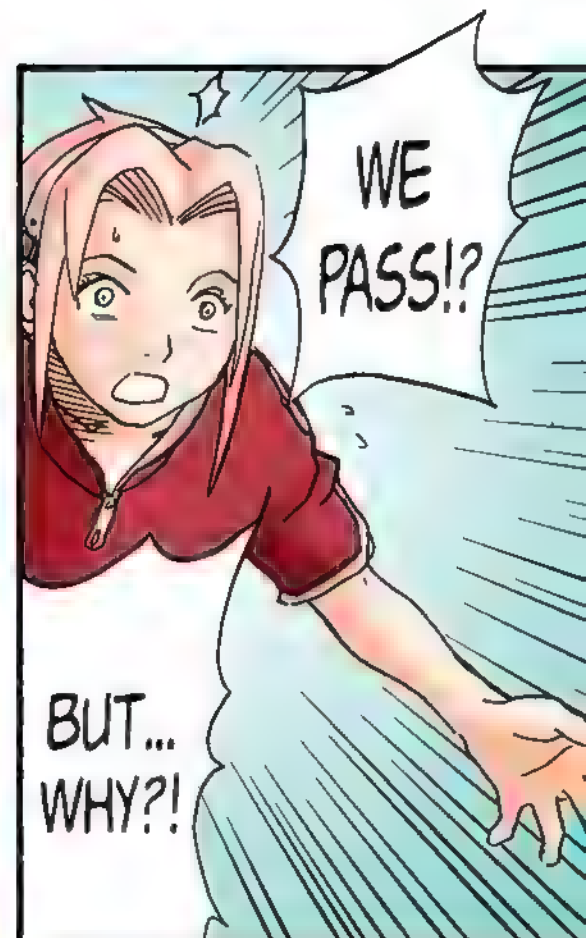
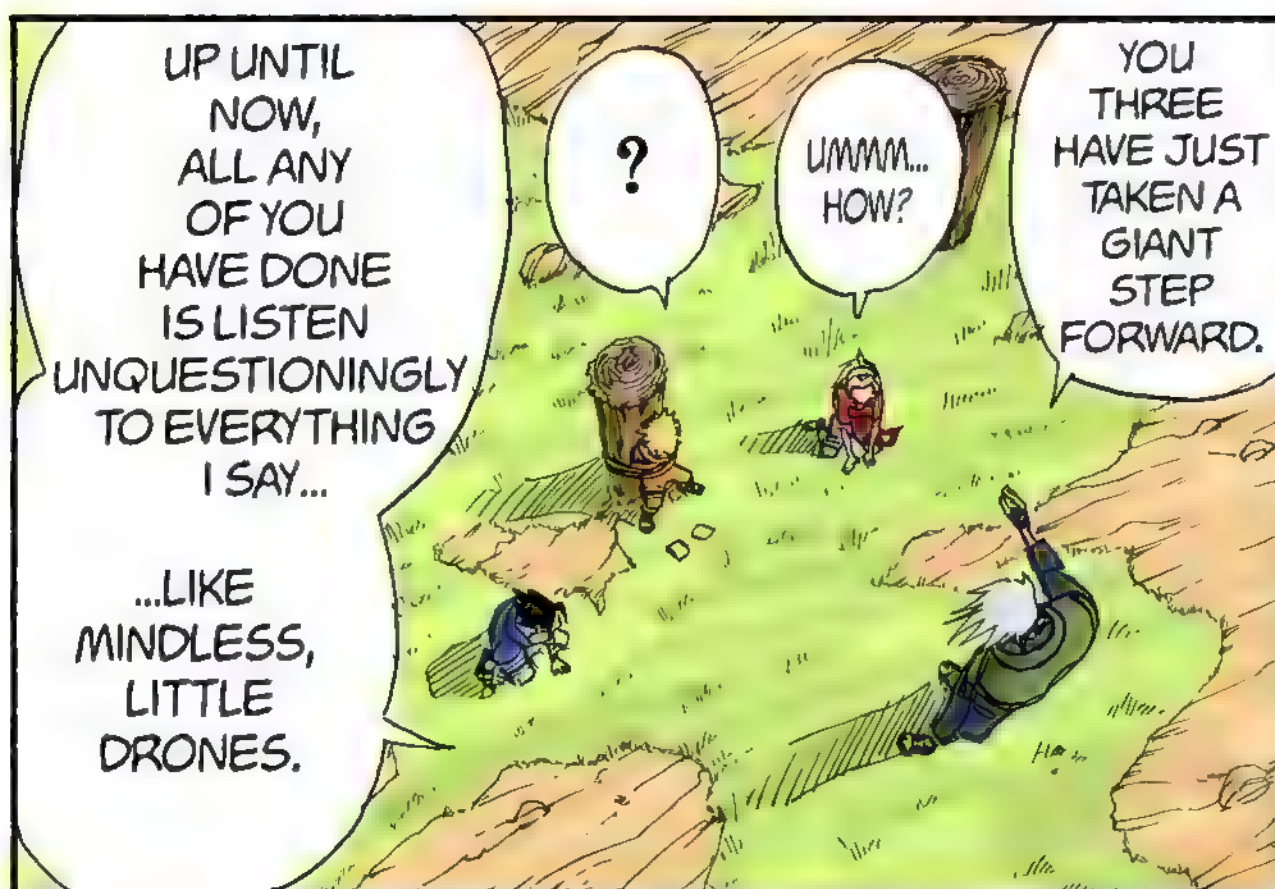


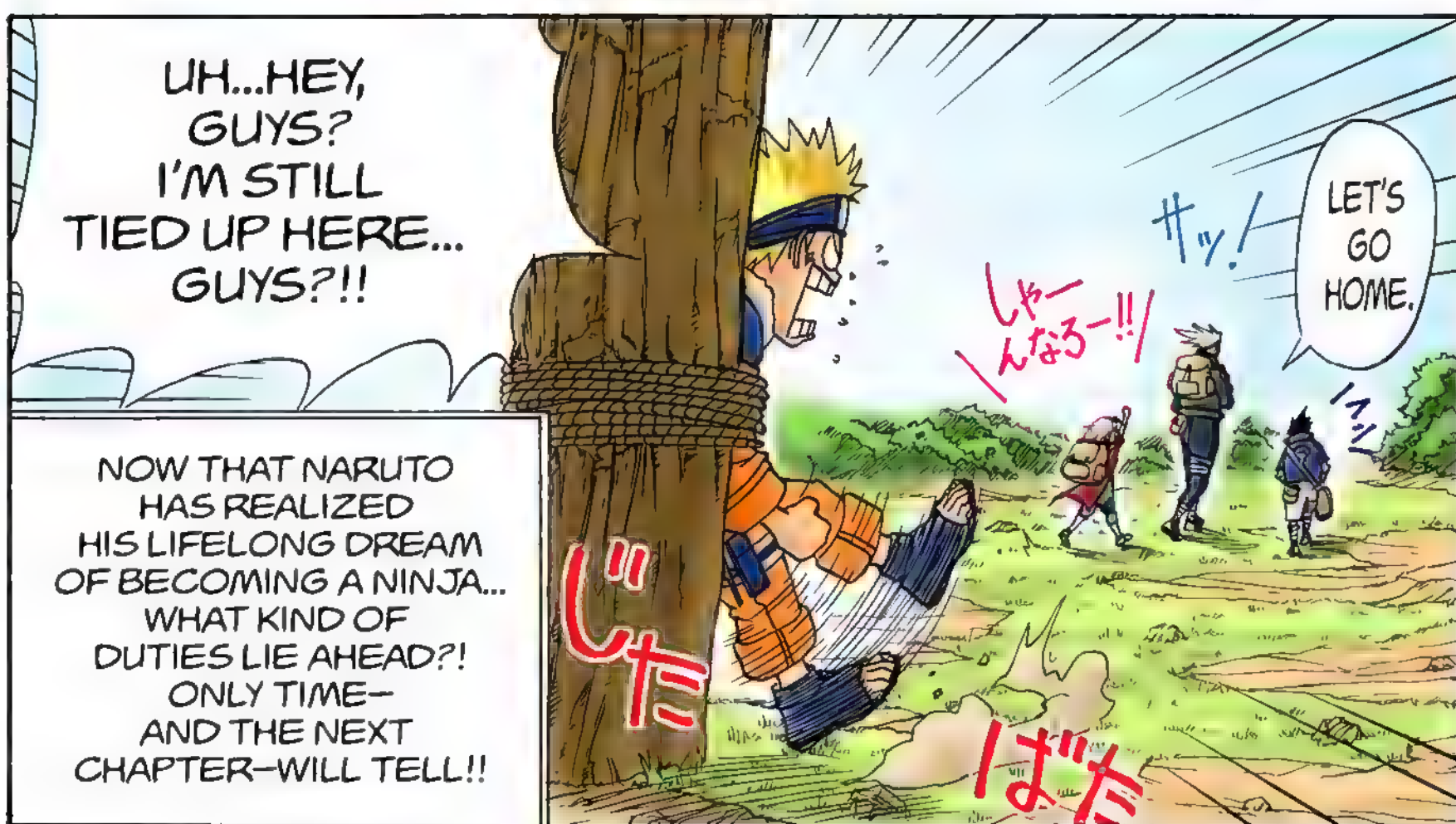
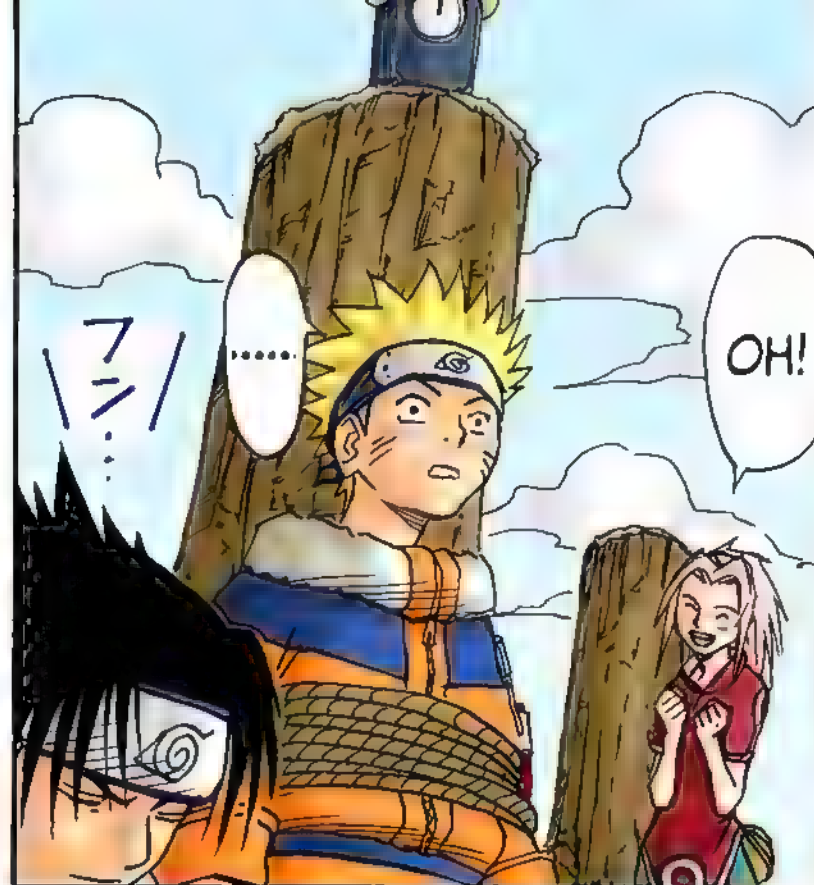


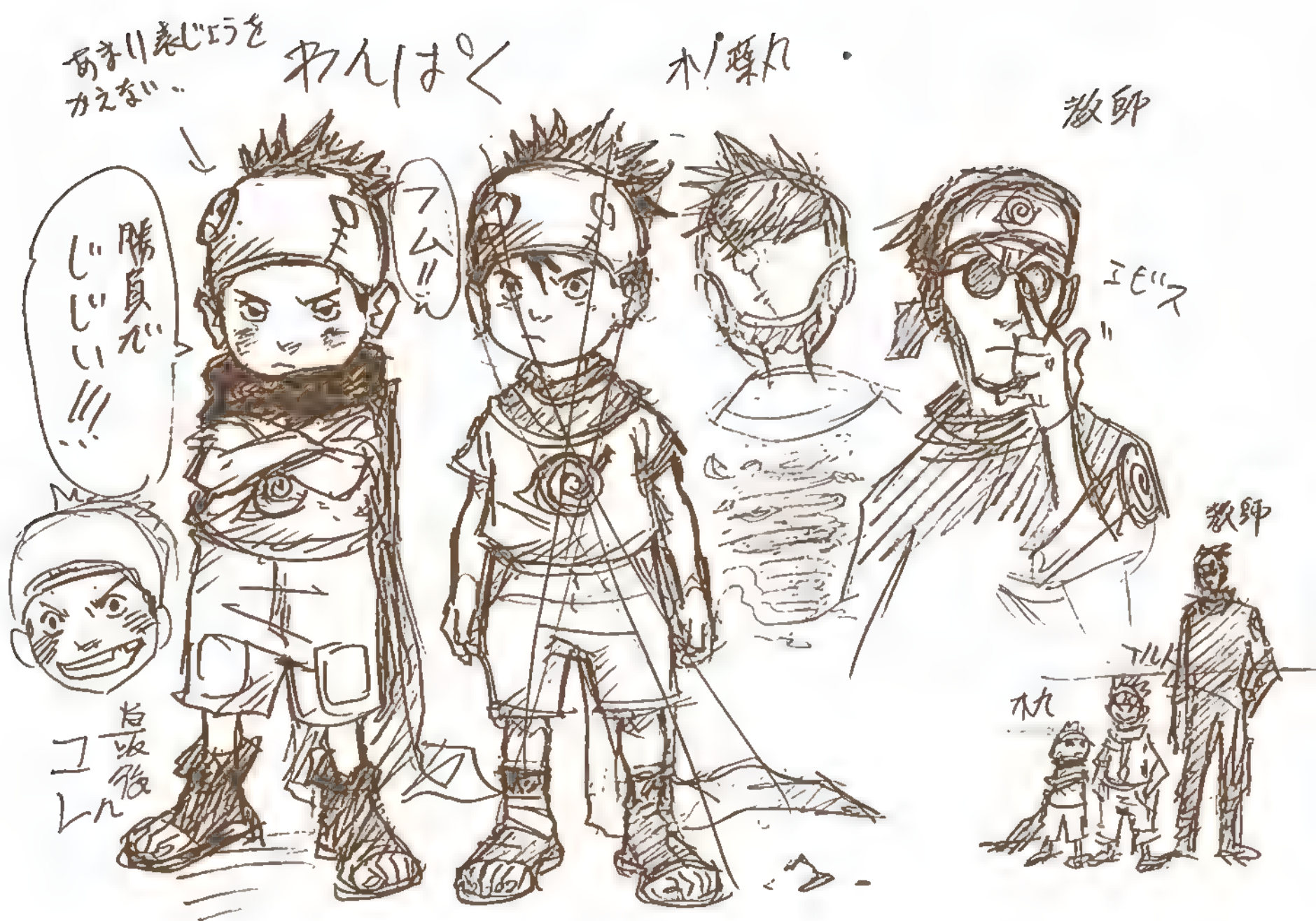












THE MAKING OF NARUTO: KONOHAMARU & EBISU

These were my first sketches of Konohamaru and his teacher, Ebisu (see **Naruto** Vol. 1). I remember really struggling with Konohamaru's design. He was supposed to be a little punk, smaller than Naruto, but he kept coming out looking like Naruto no matter what I tried. I tried drawing a big-eyed kid, but this didn't work either. It always turned out like a face I'd seen somewhere before. Eventually, I drew an angry-looking face with small eyes, and somehow I knew I'd found it!

At that point I decided that Ebisu would look like the sketch above. I like Ebisu's design because he's like me, somehow...

ナンバー

さいあく

いらいにん

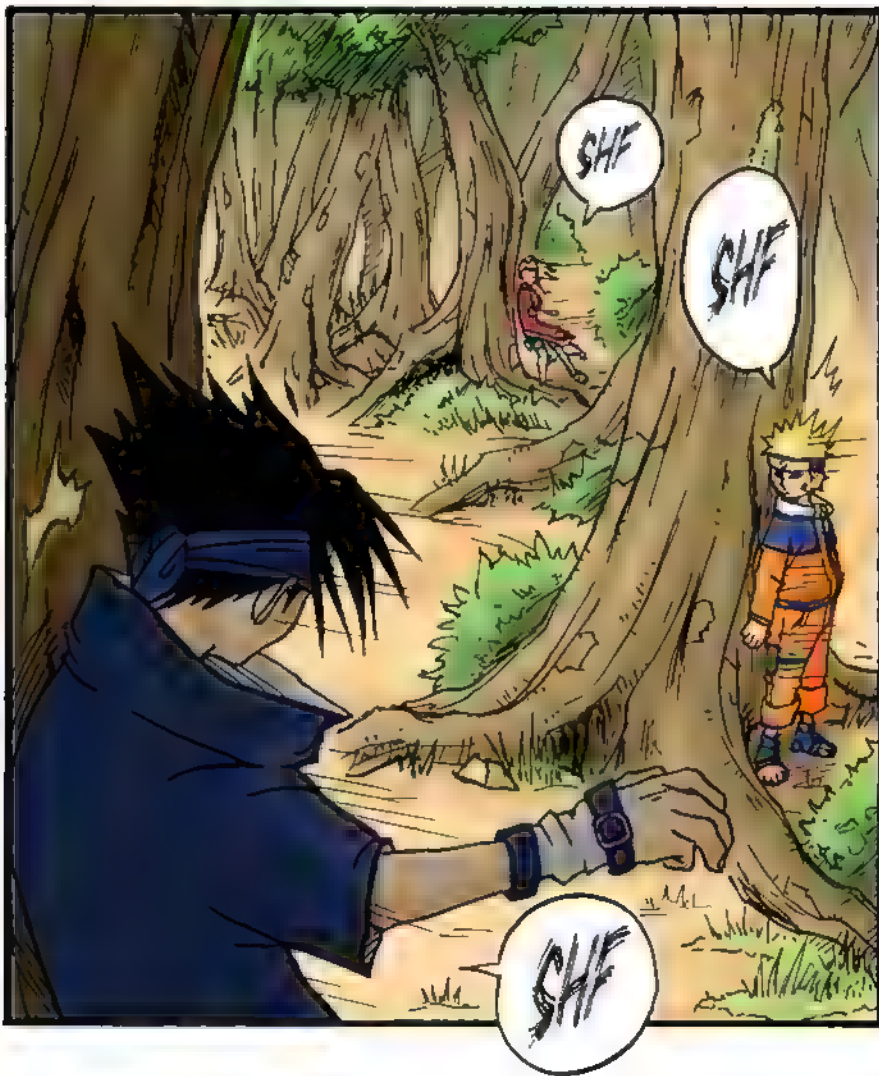


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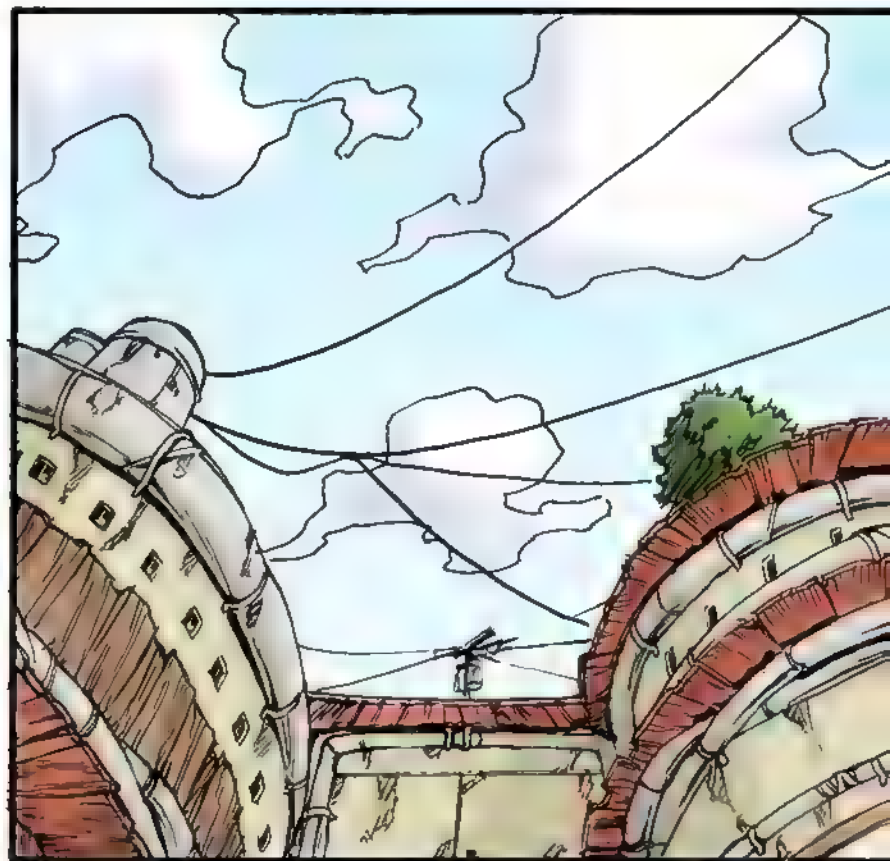
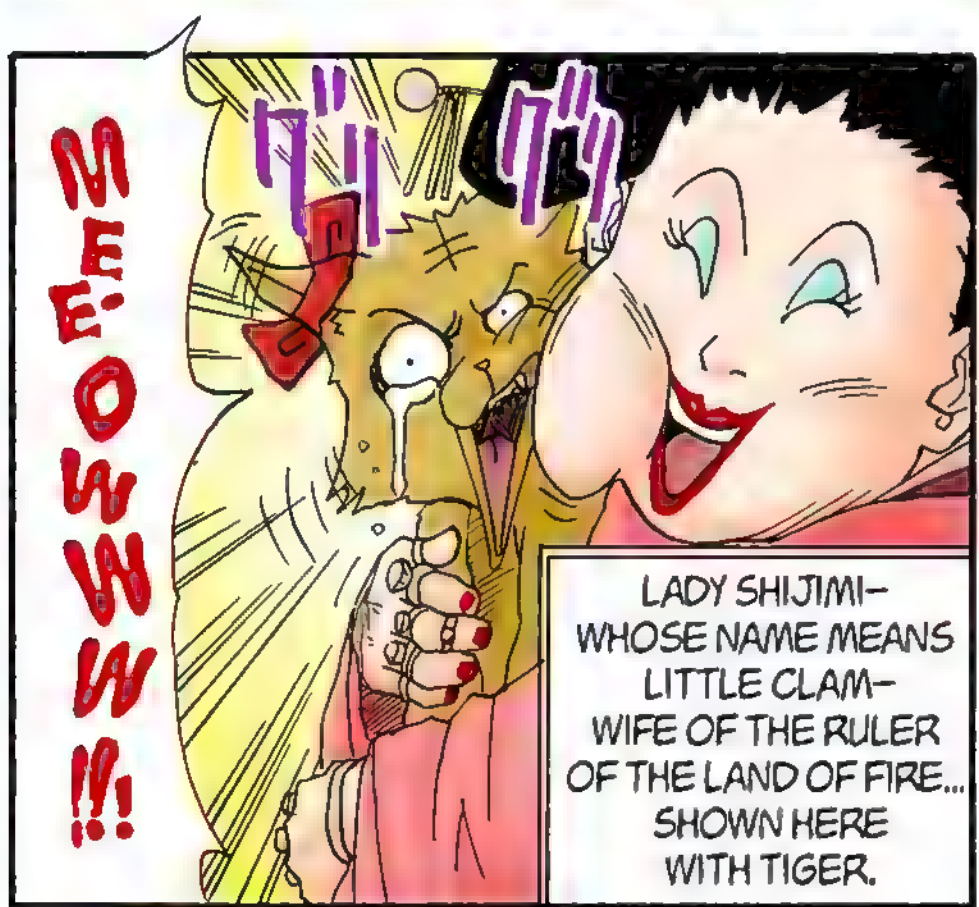
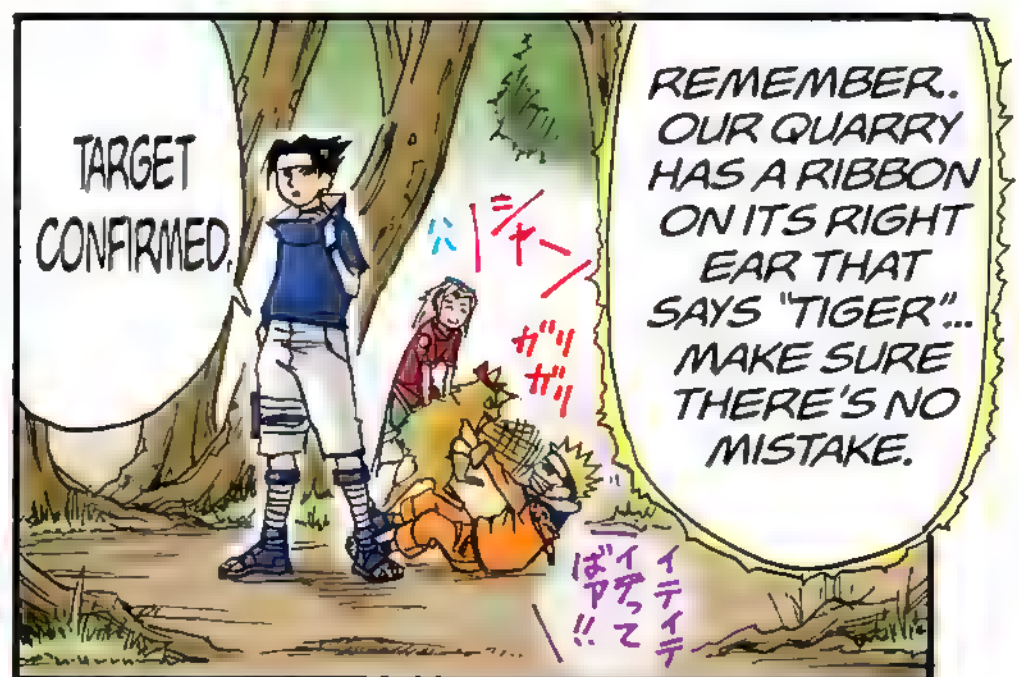
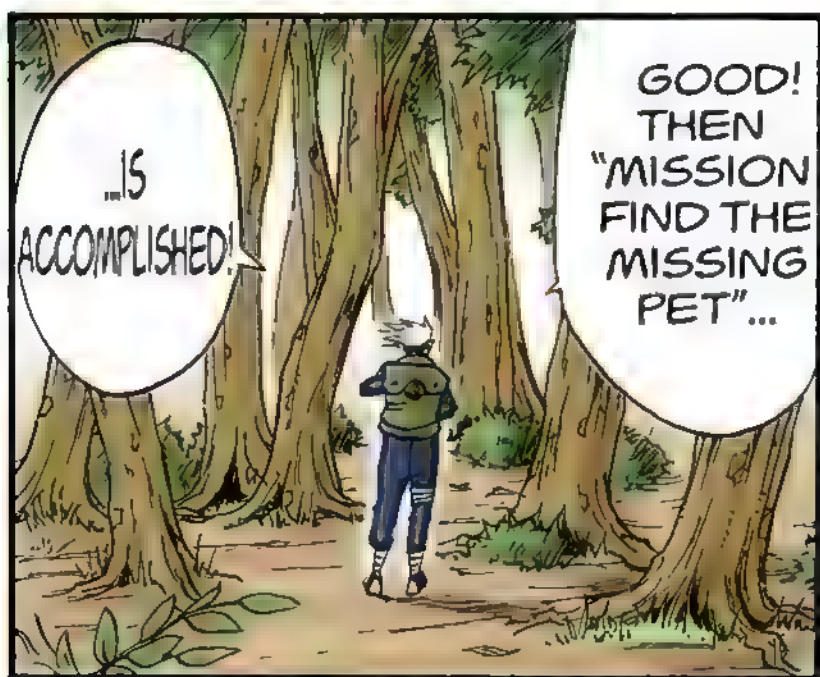
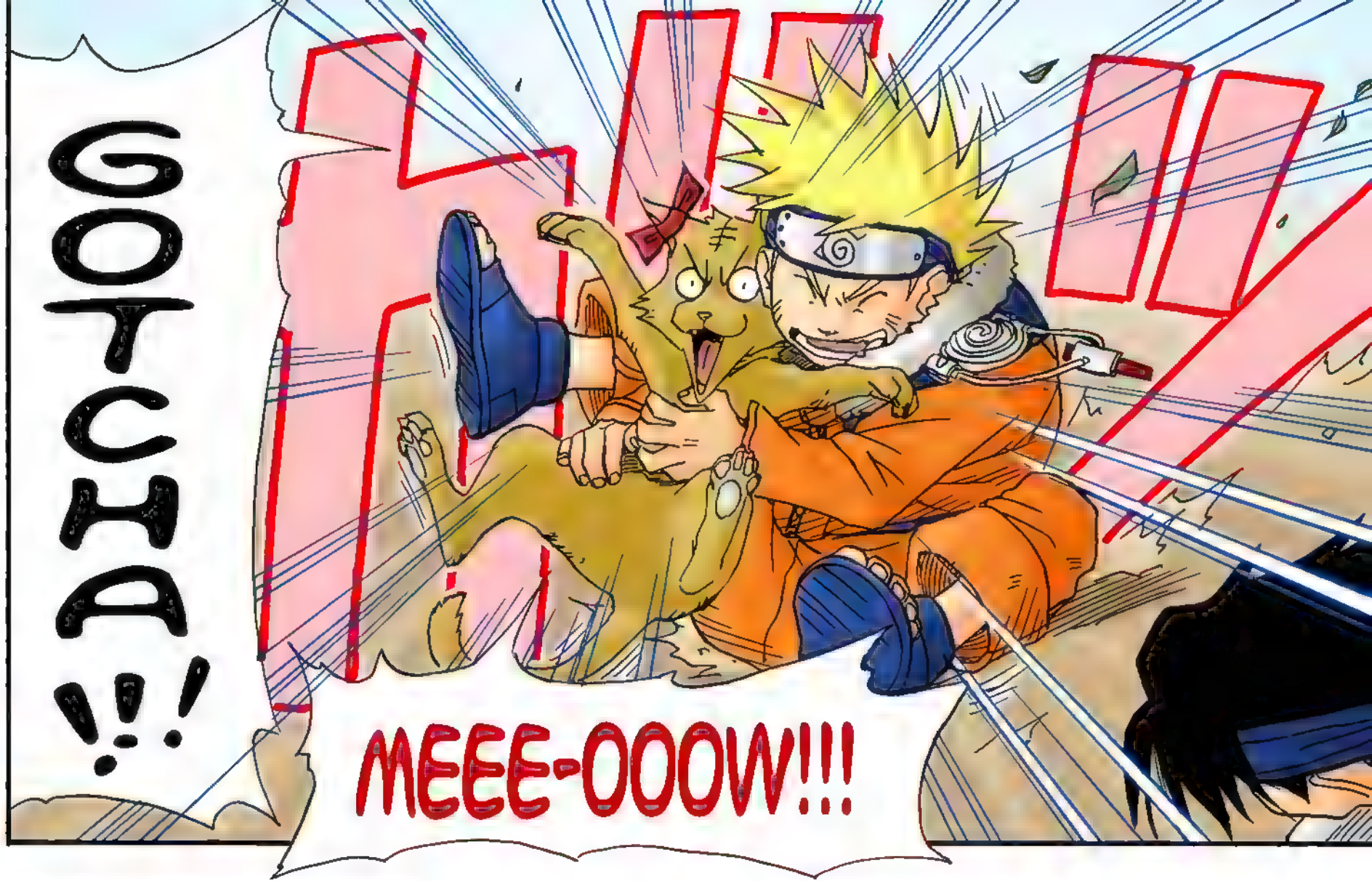
最悪の依頼人

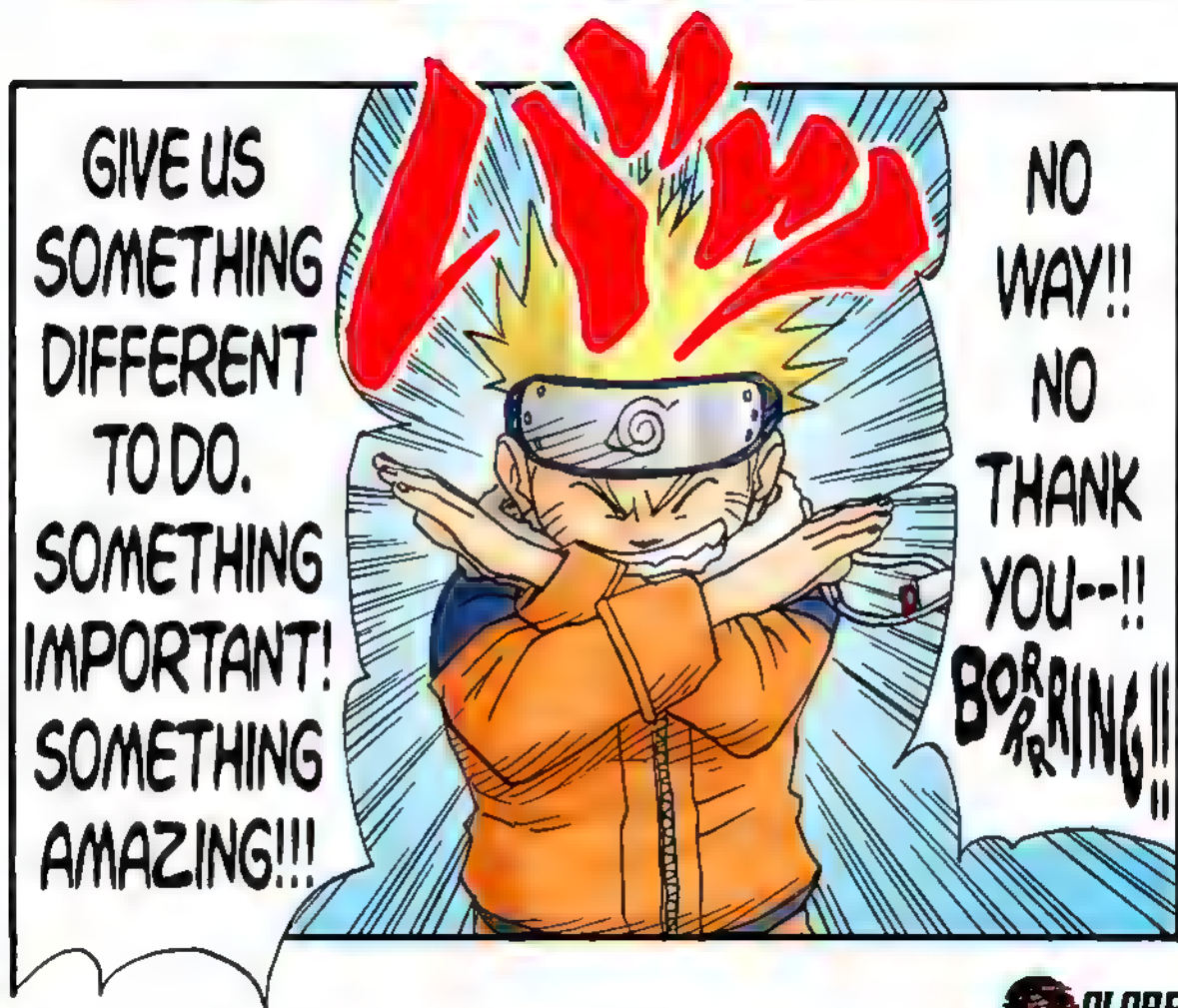
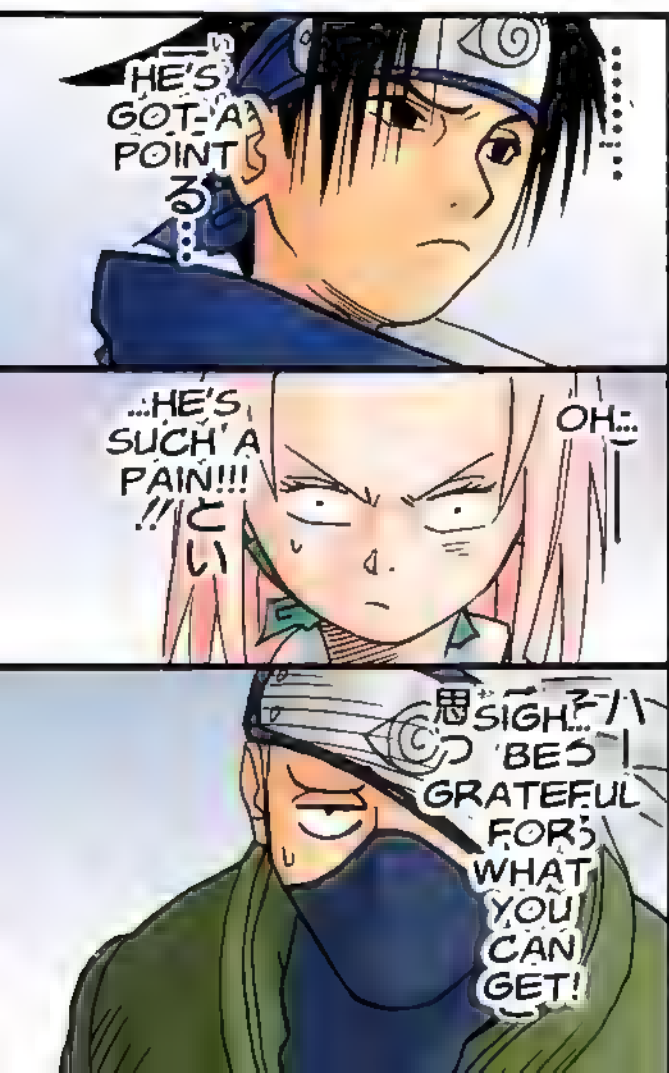
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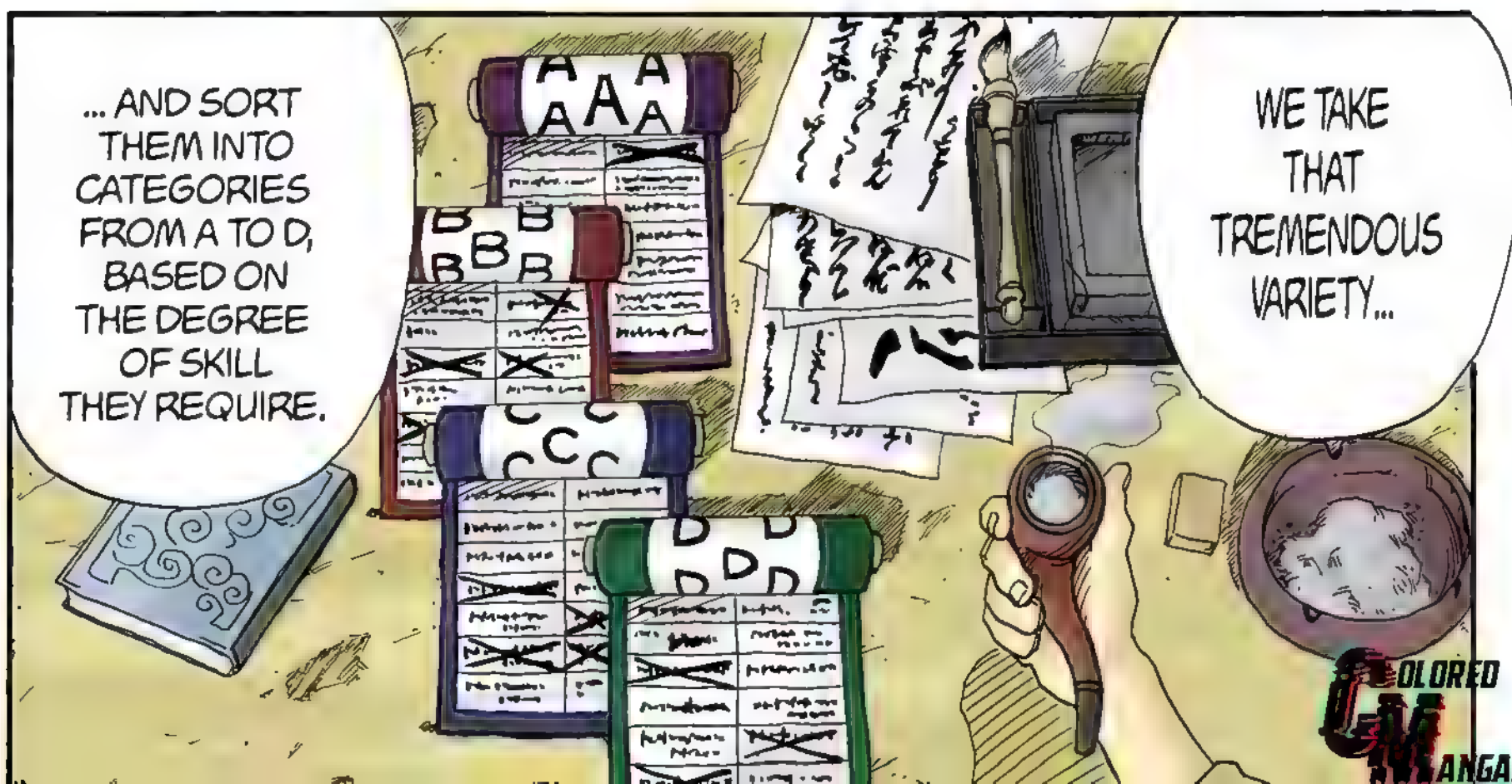
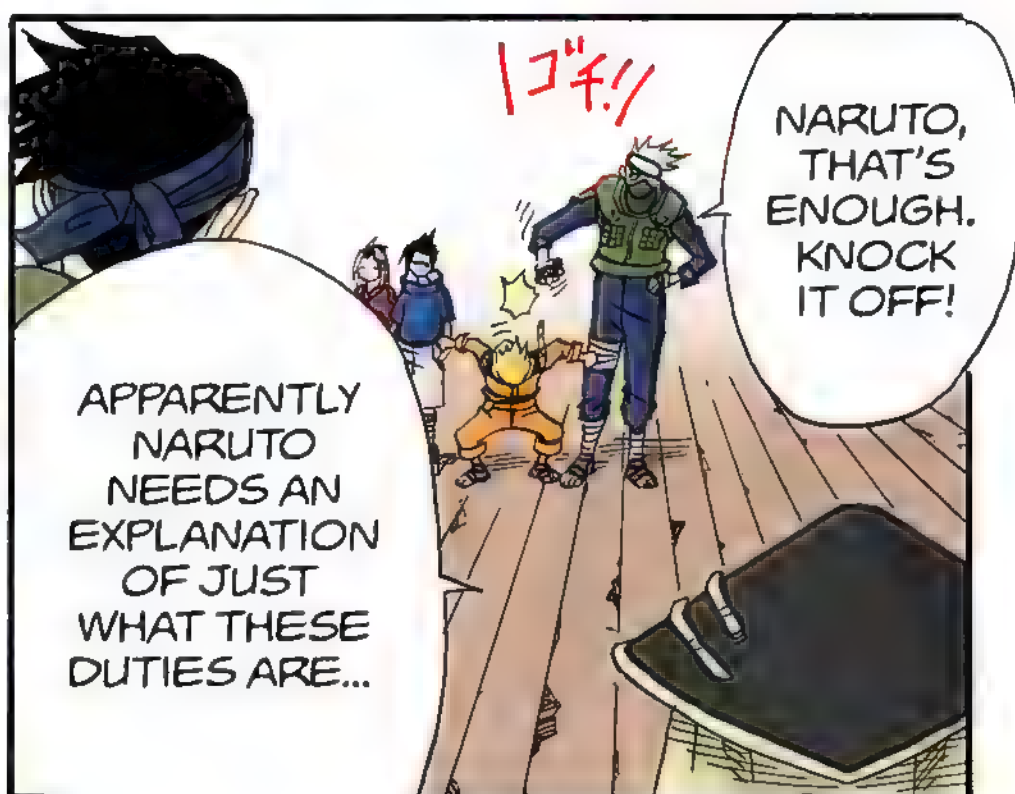
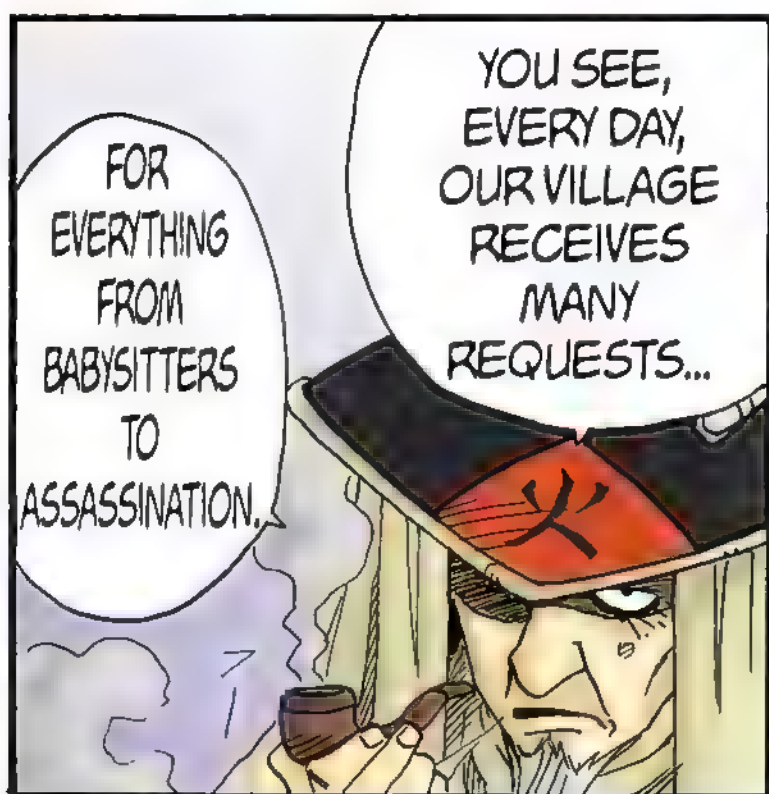


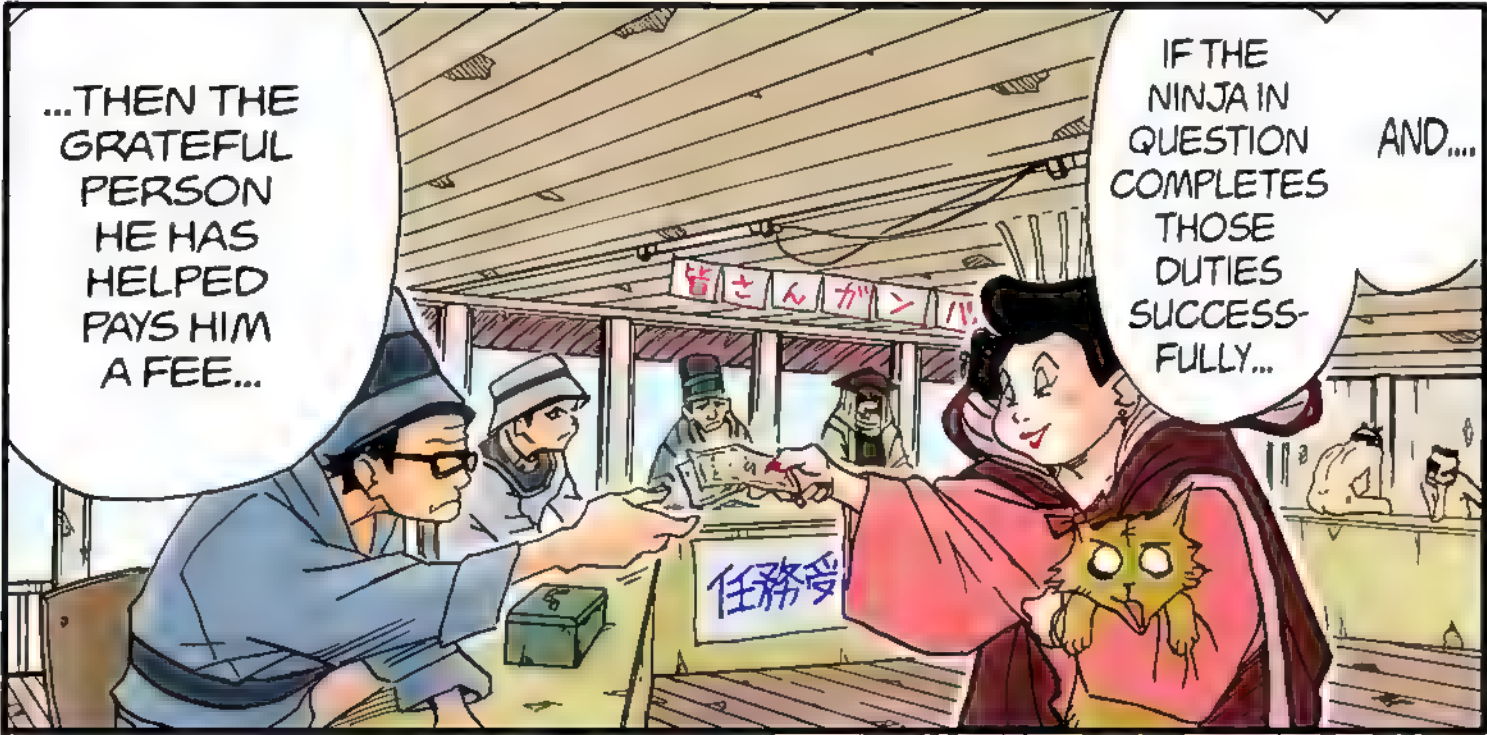
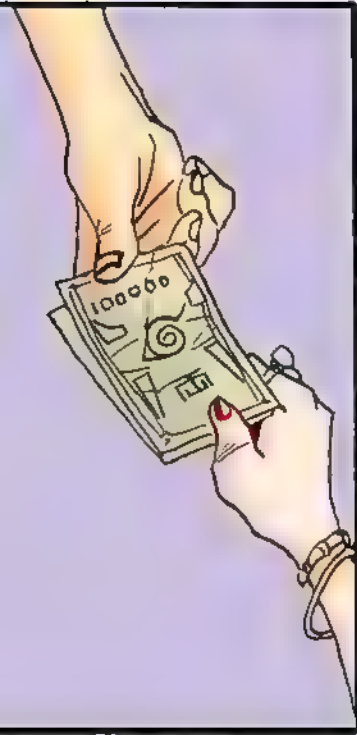
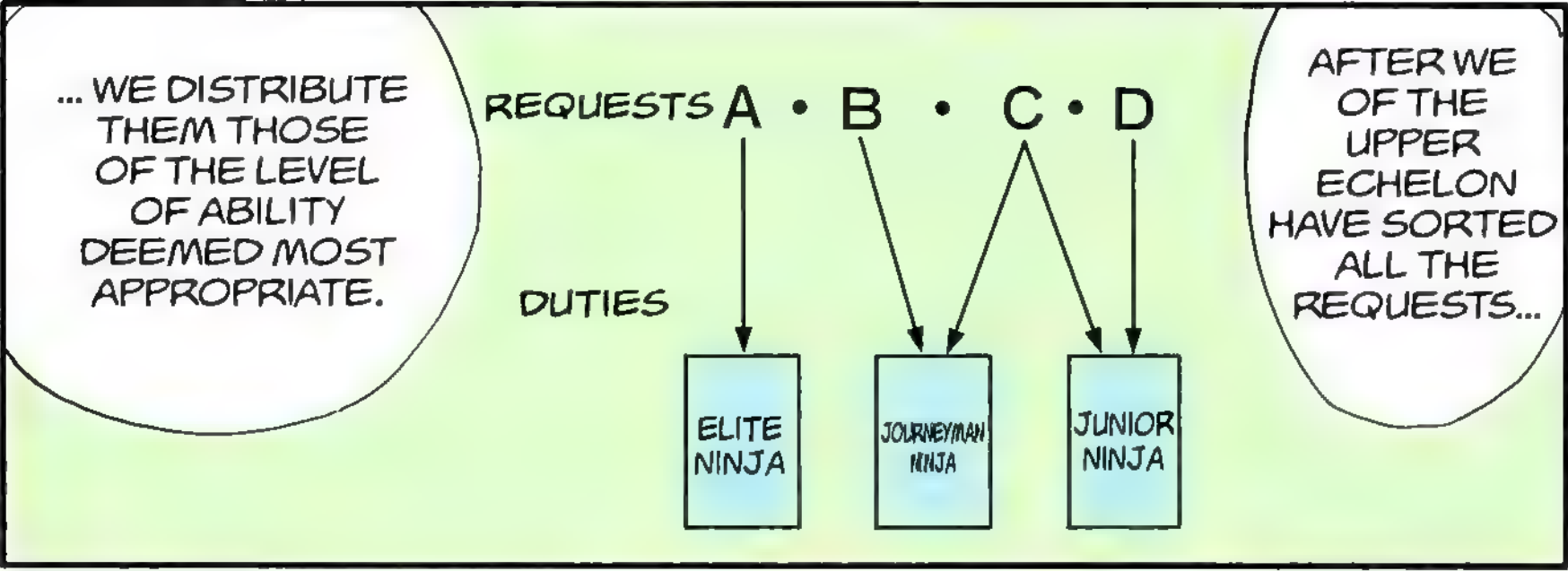
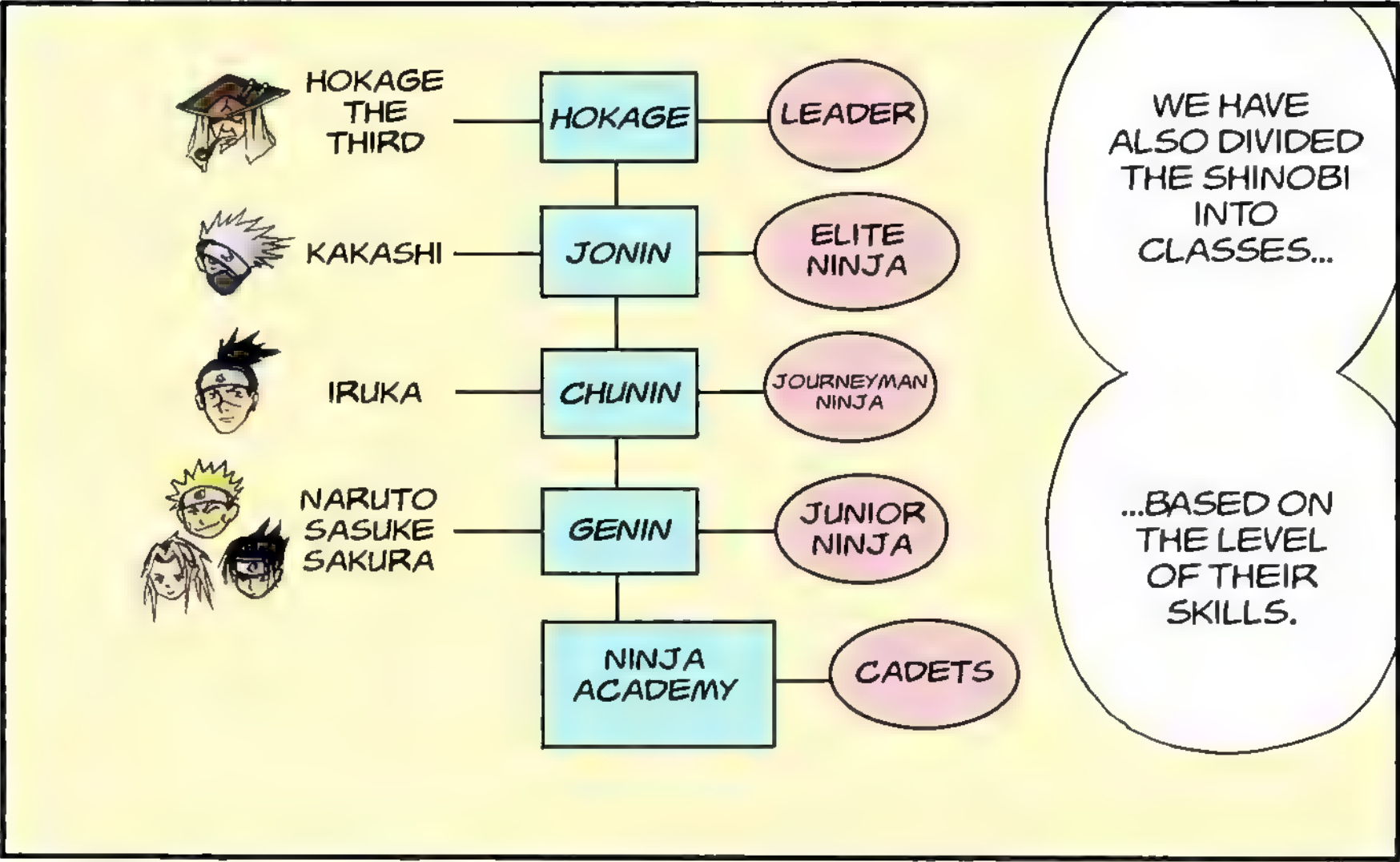


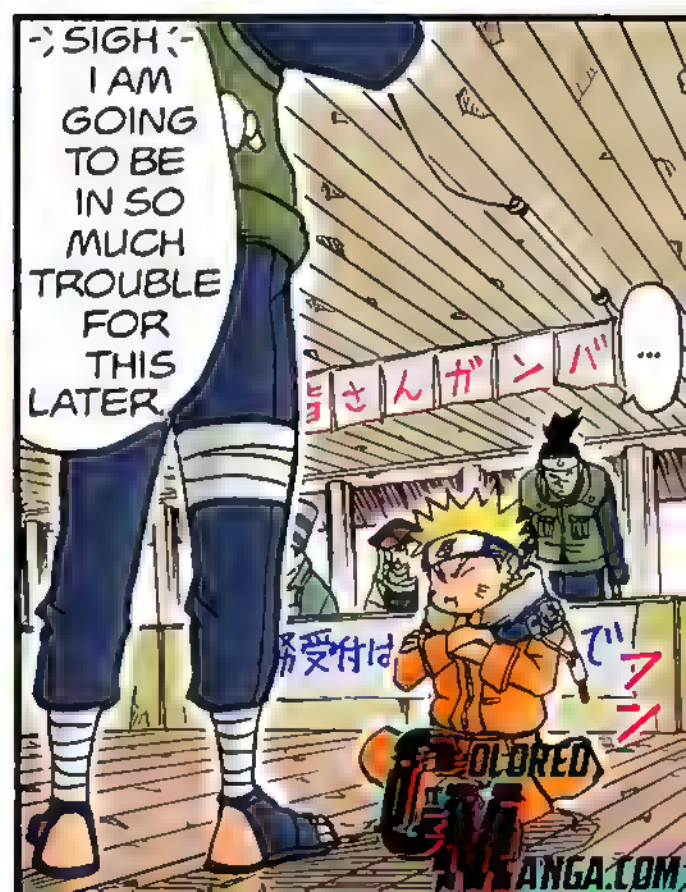
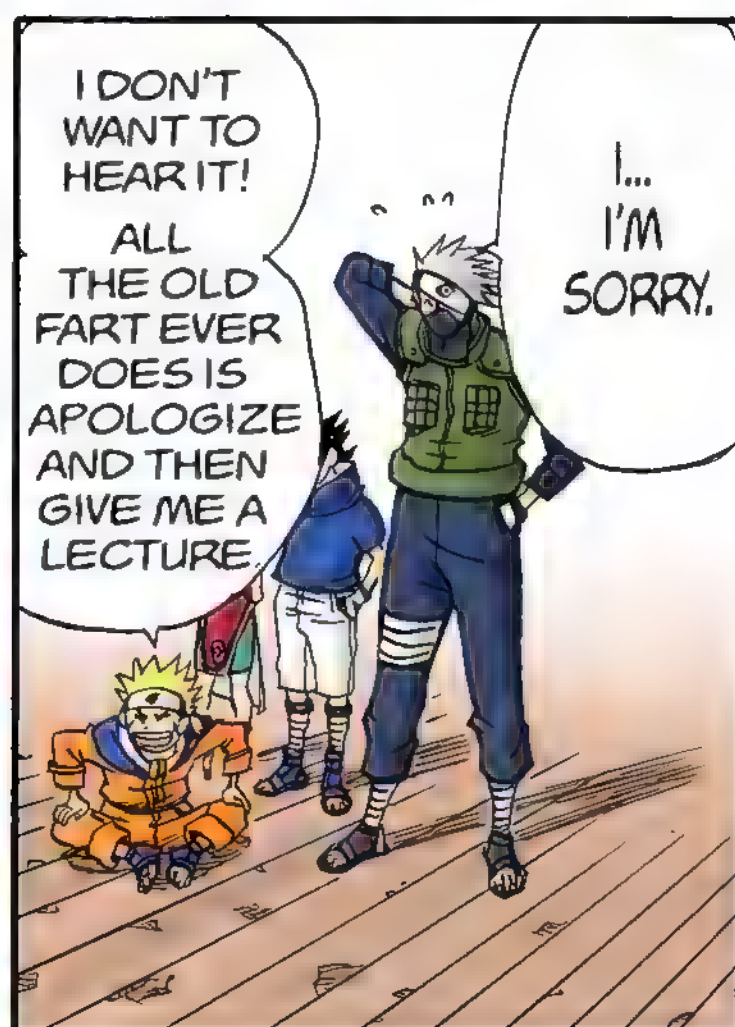
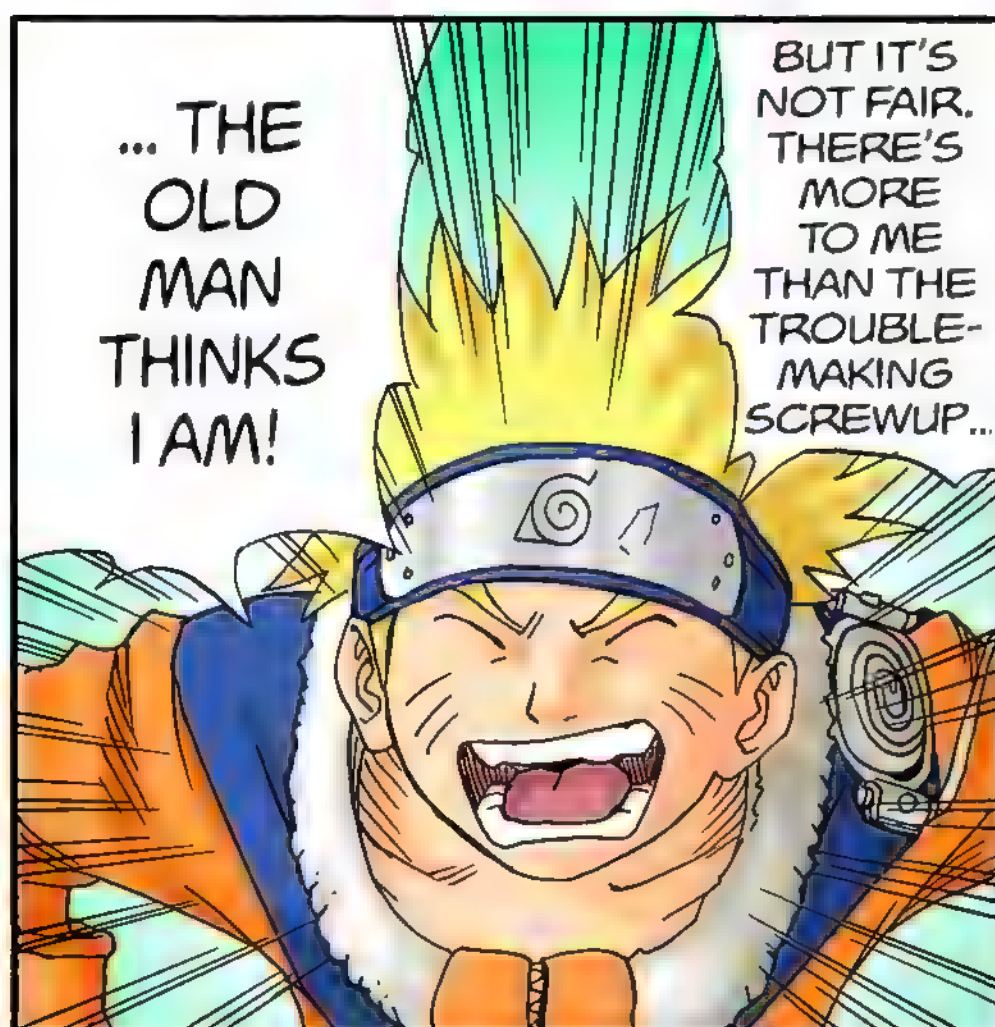
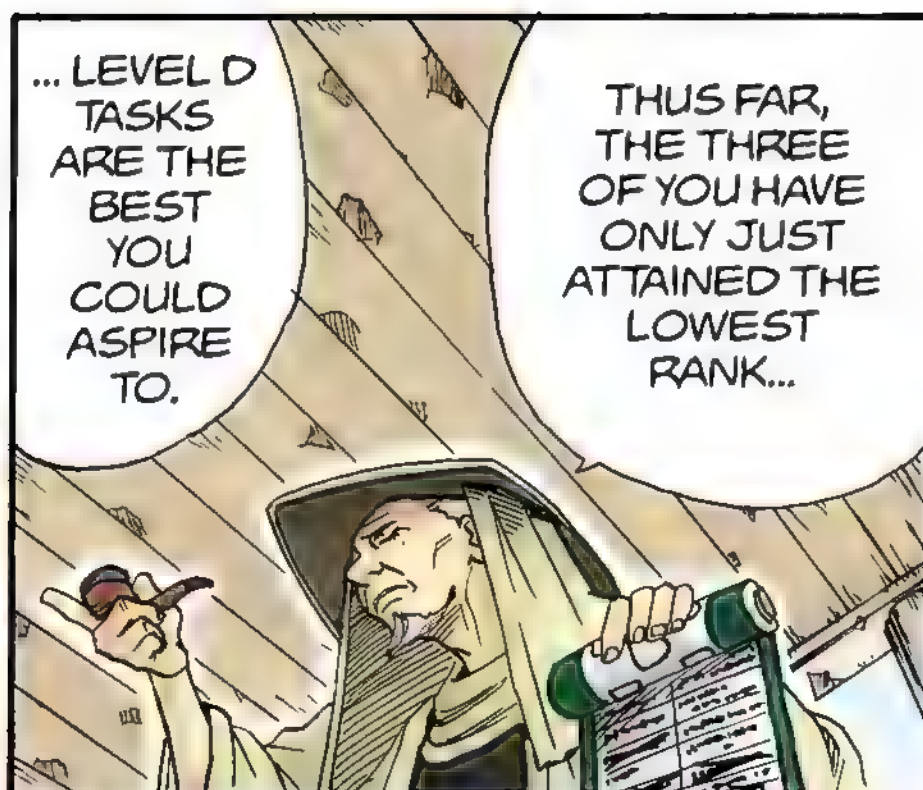
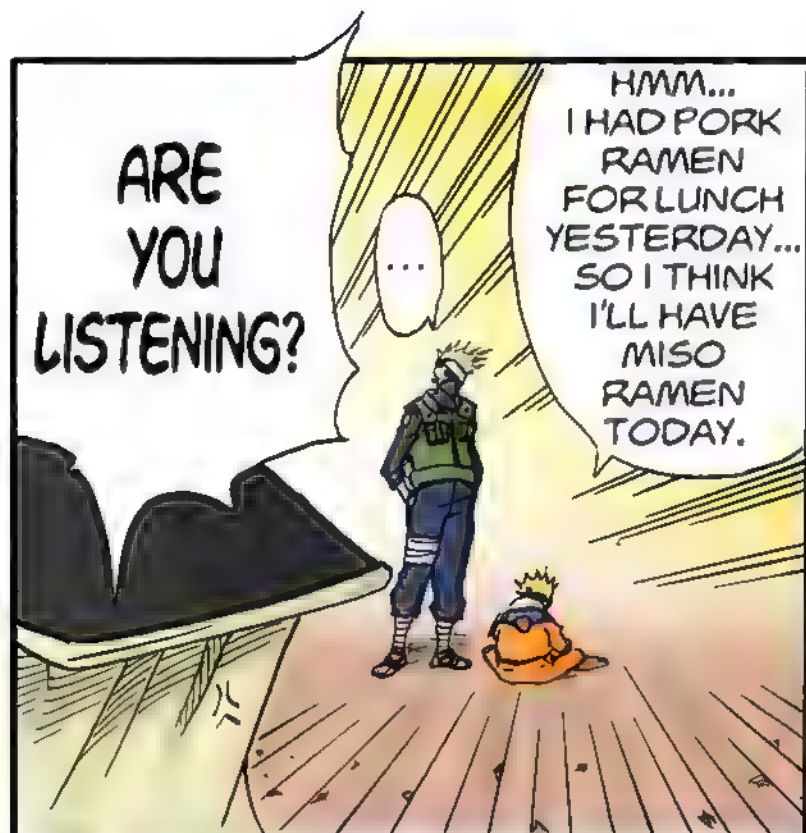


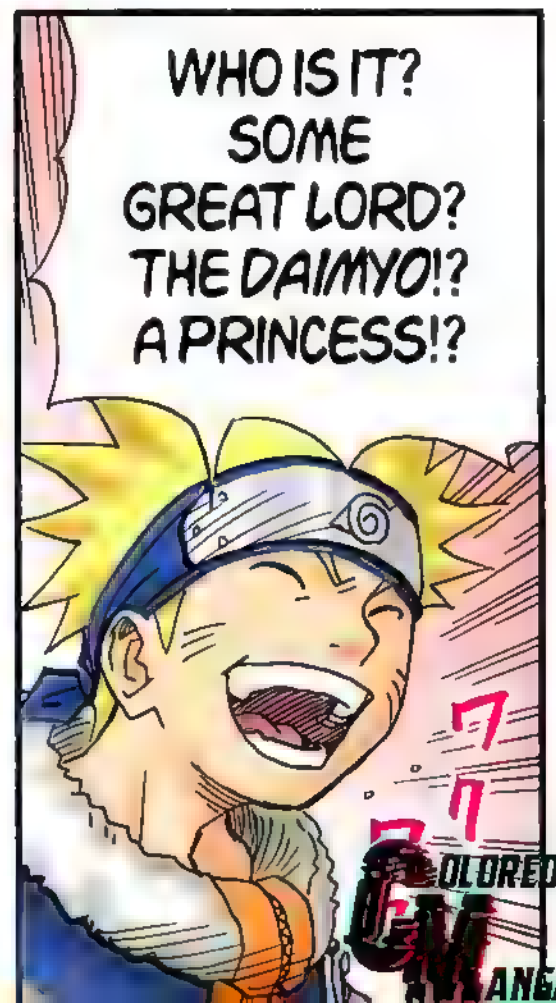
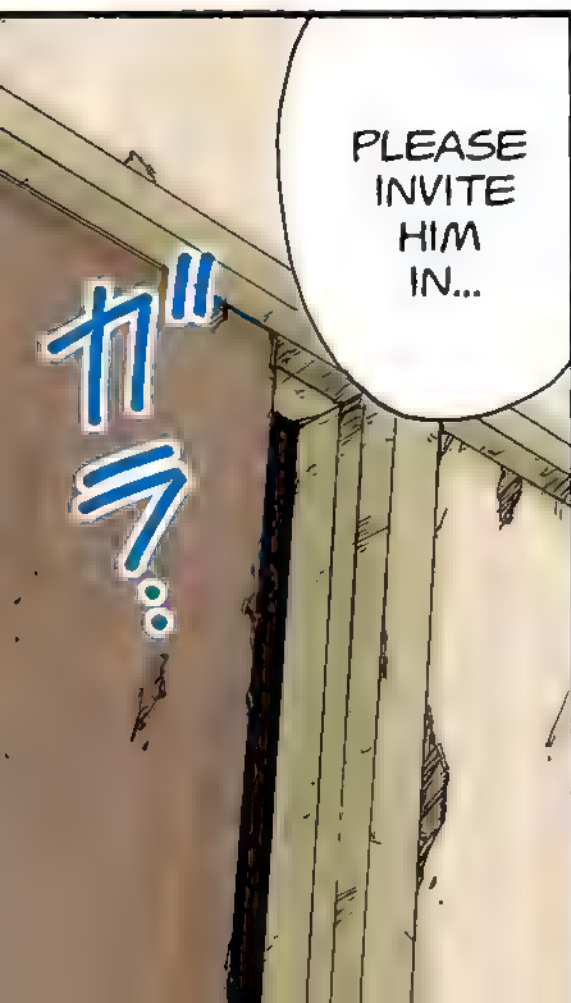
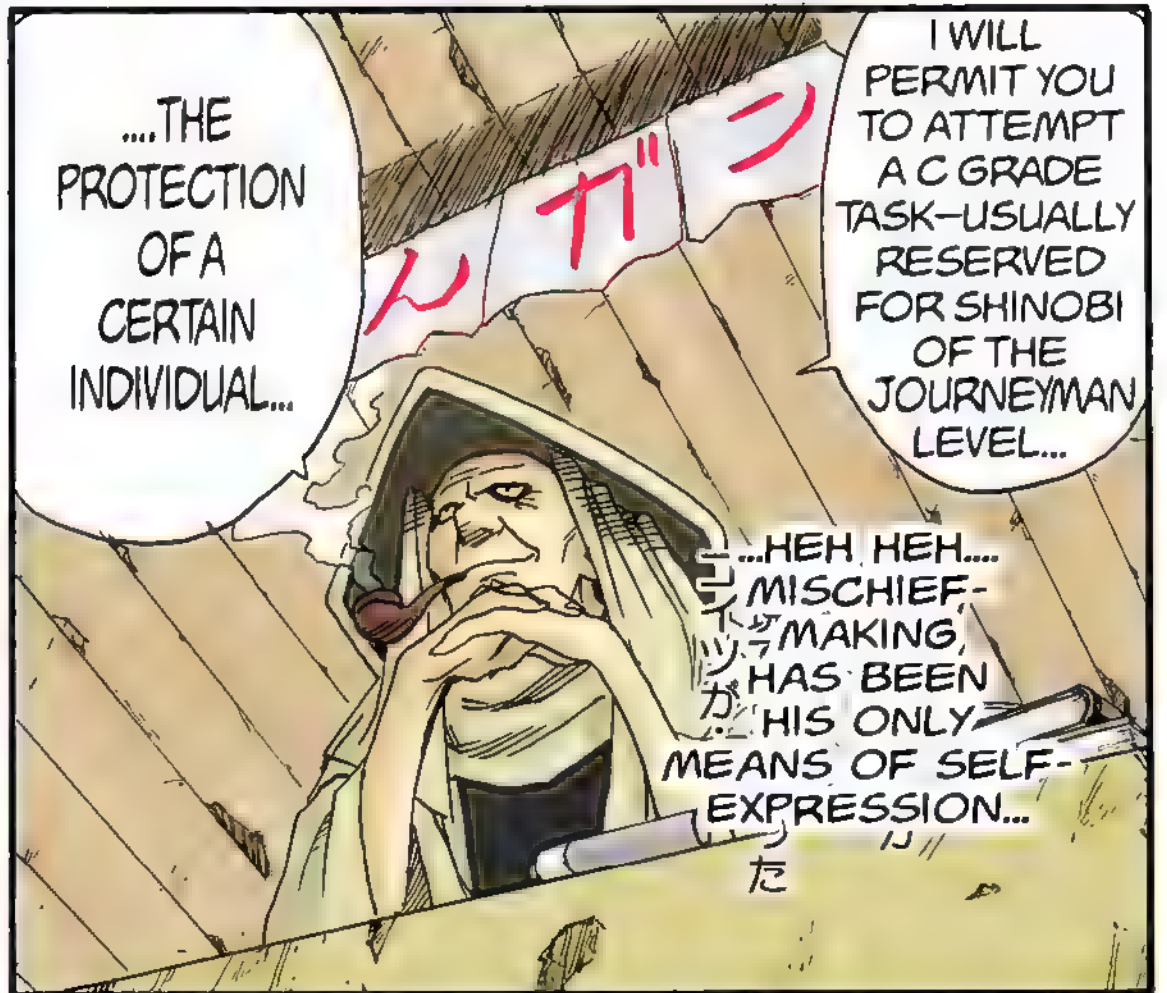
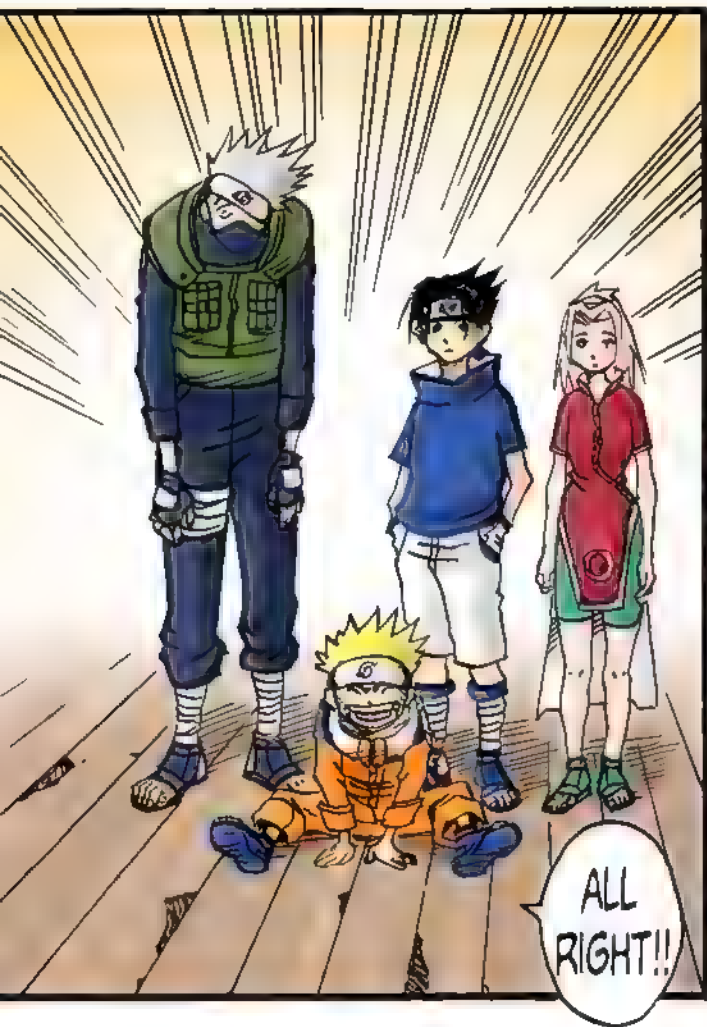
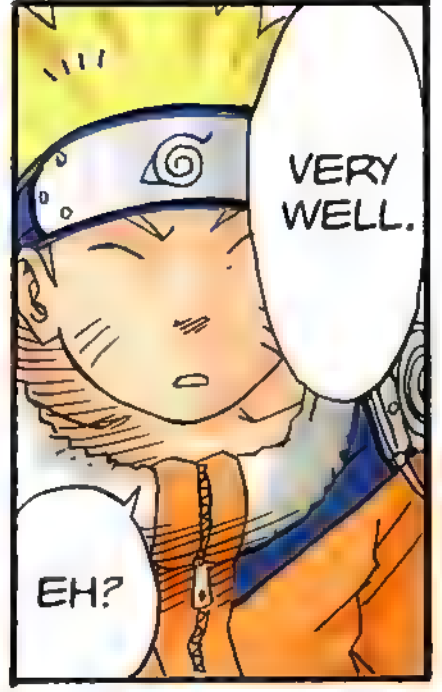
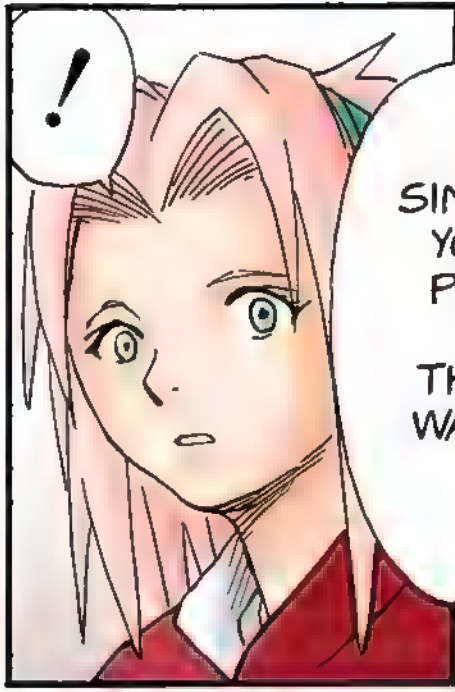


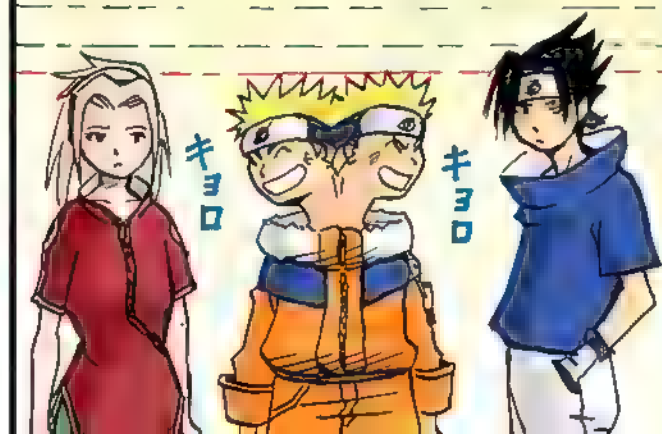
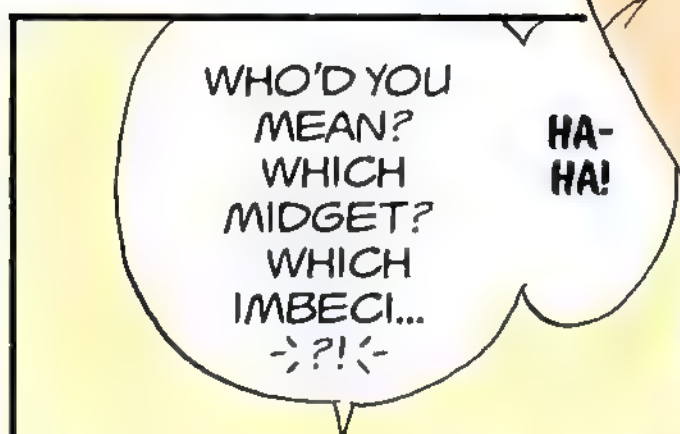
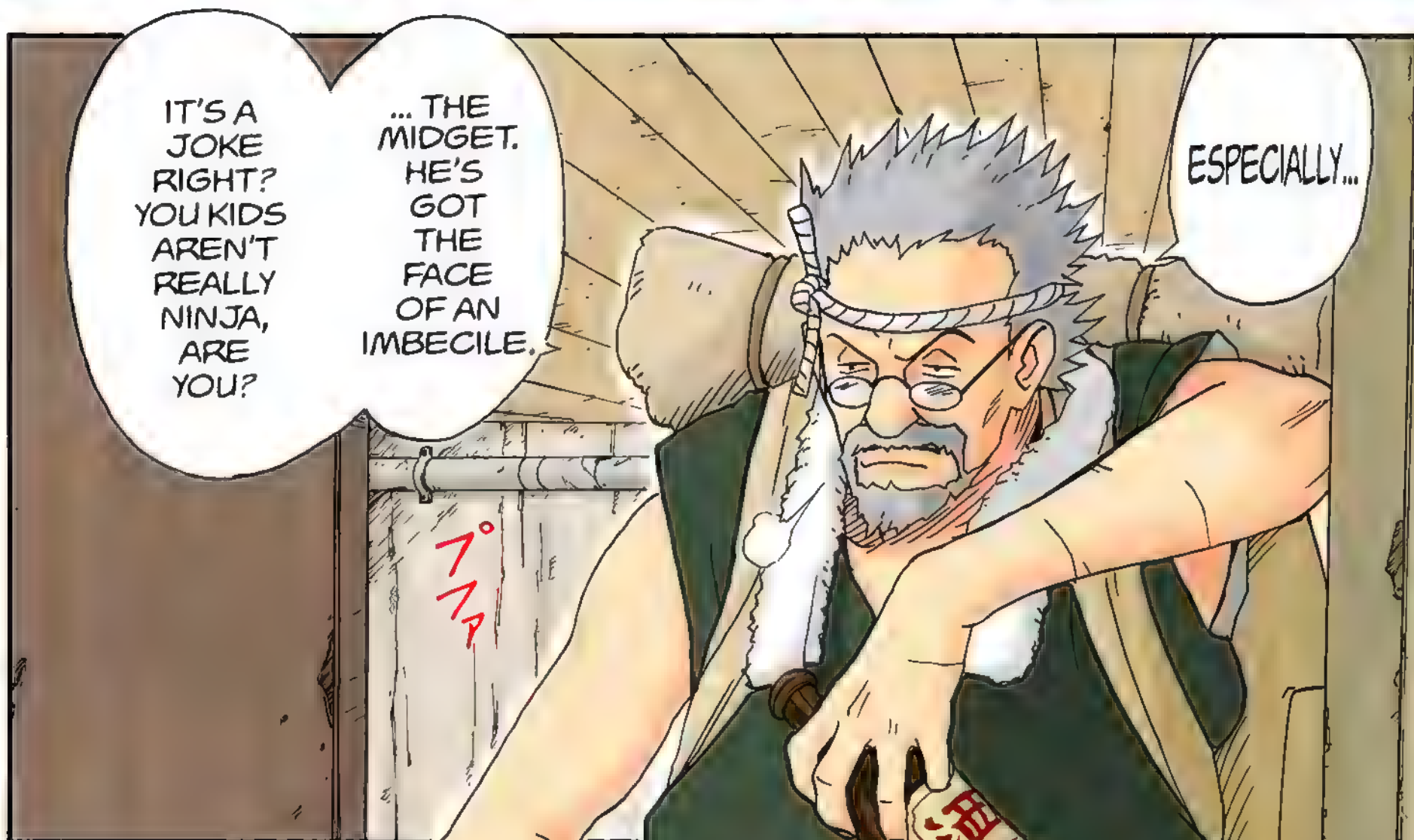
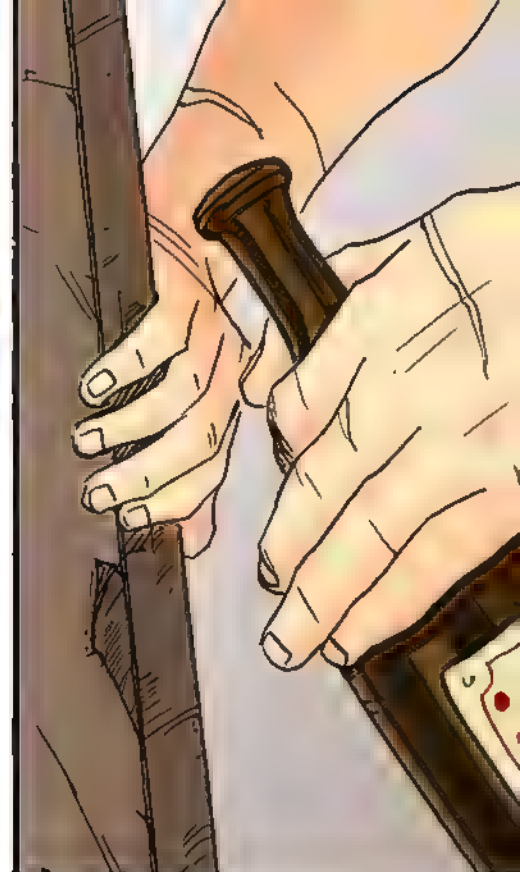
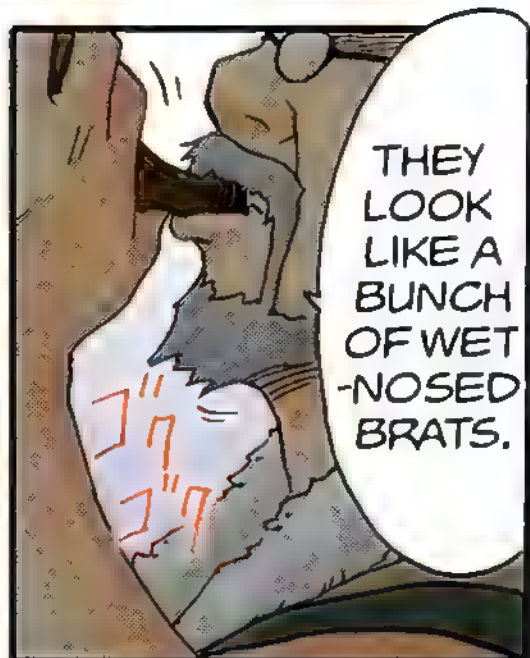


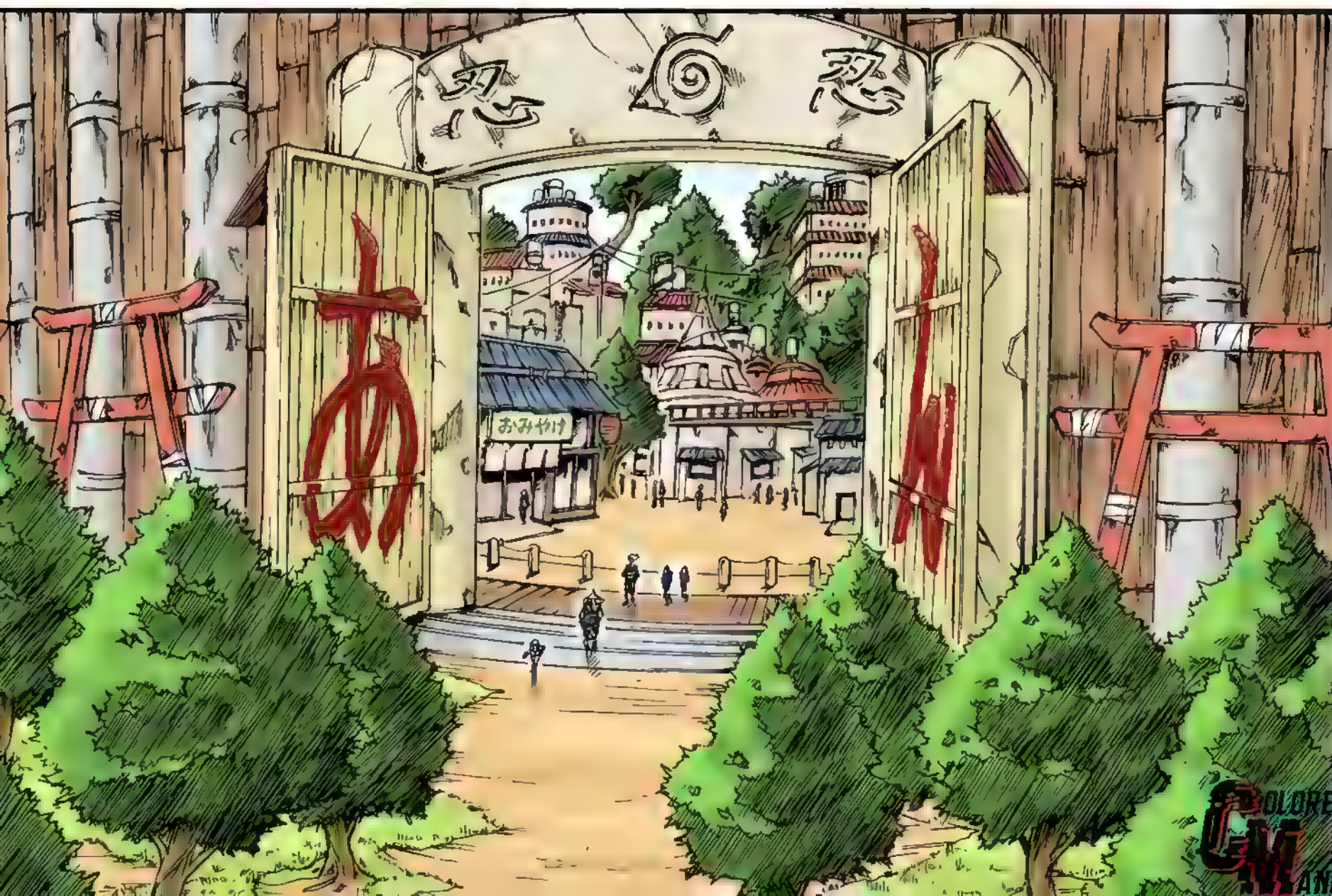
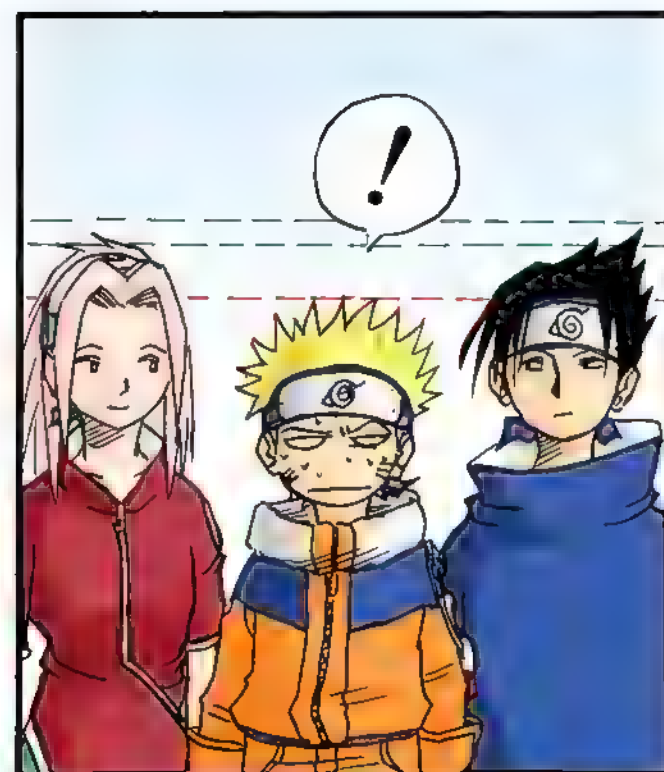
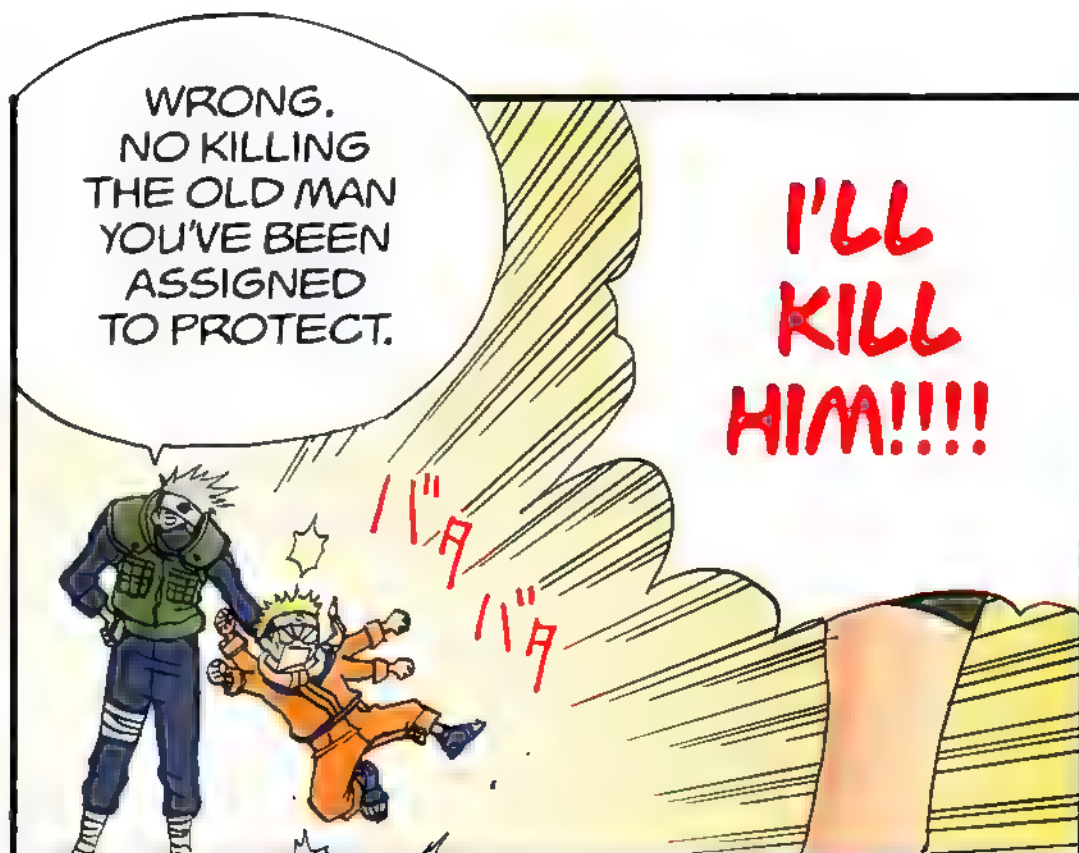


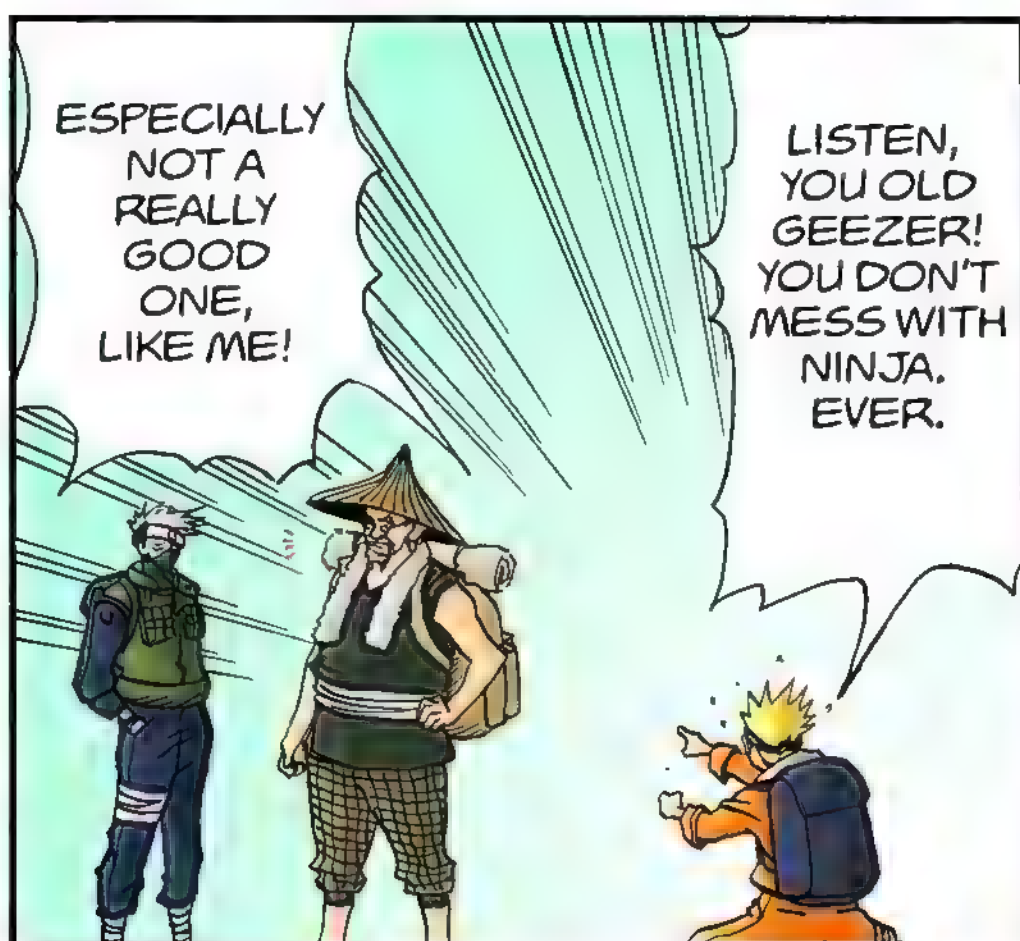
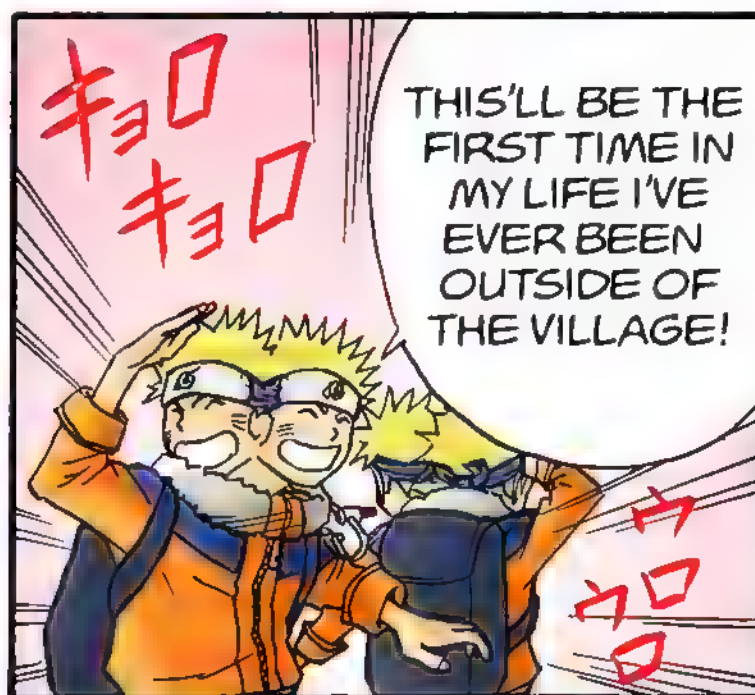
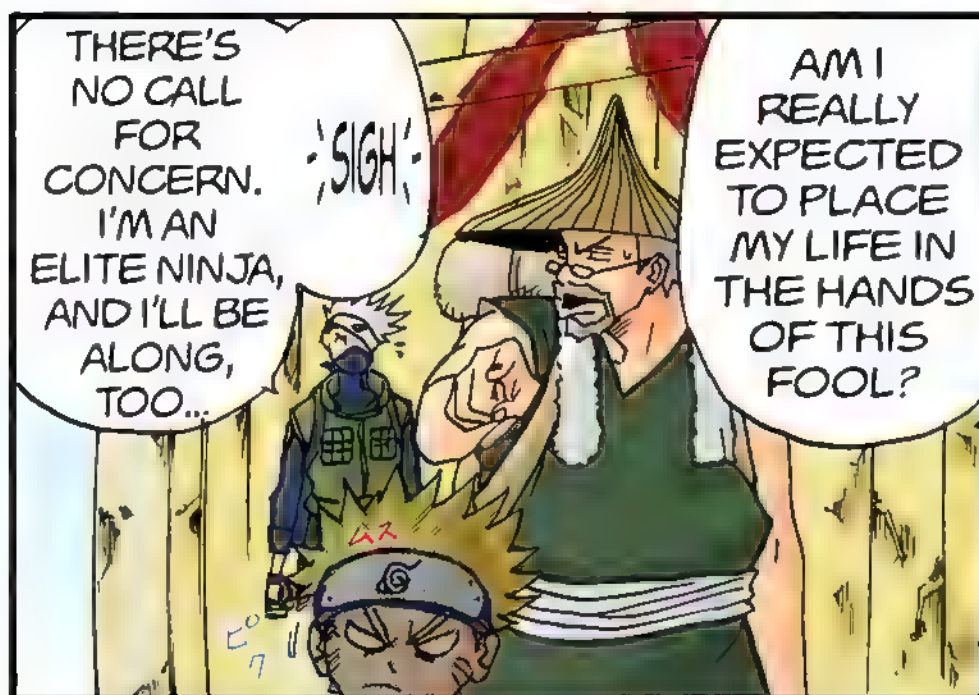


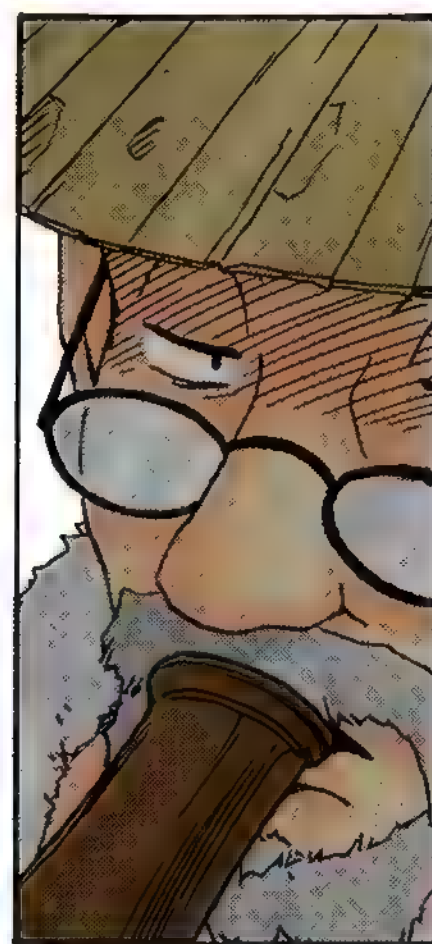


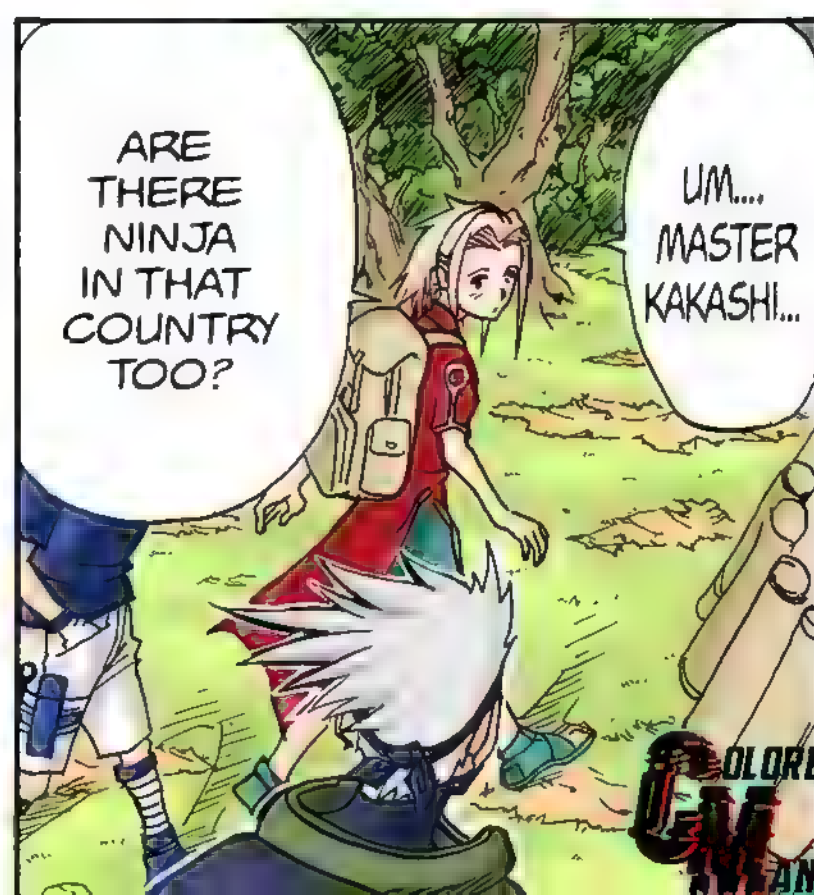
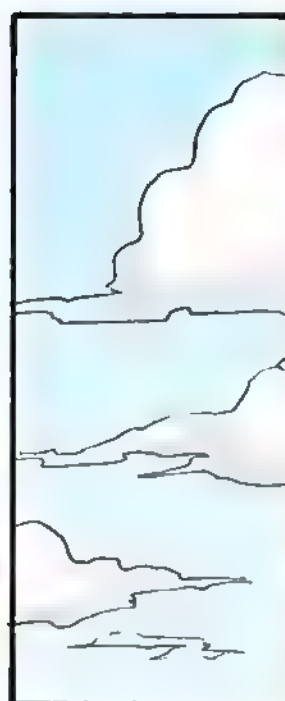
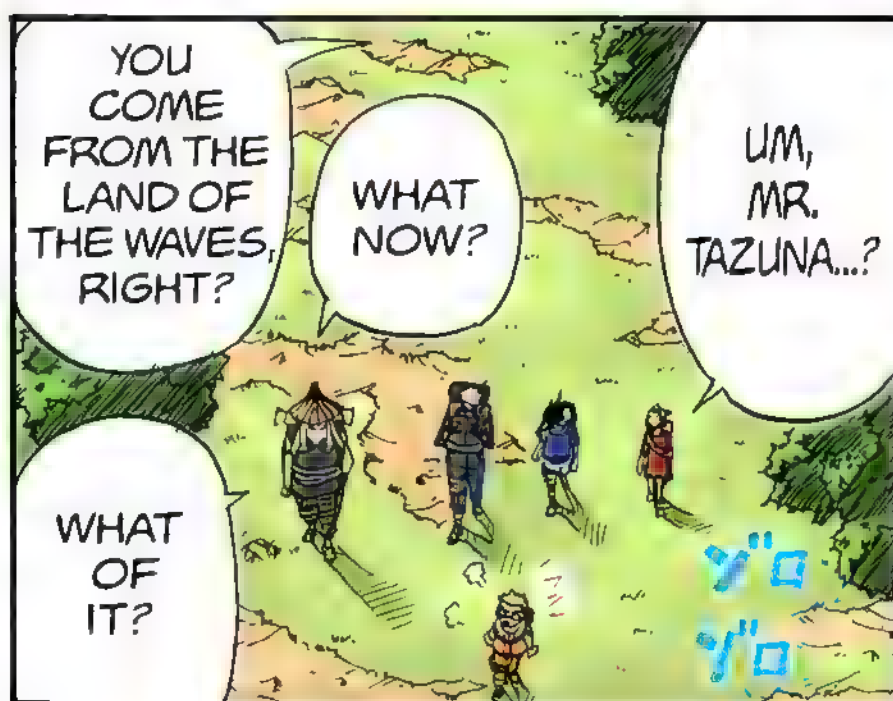
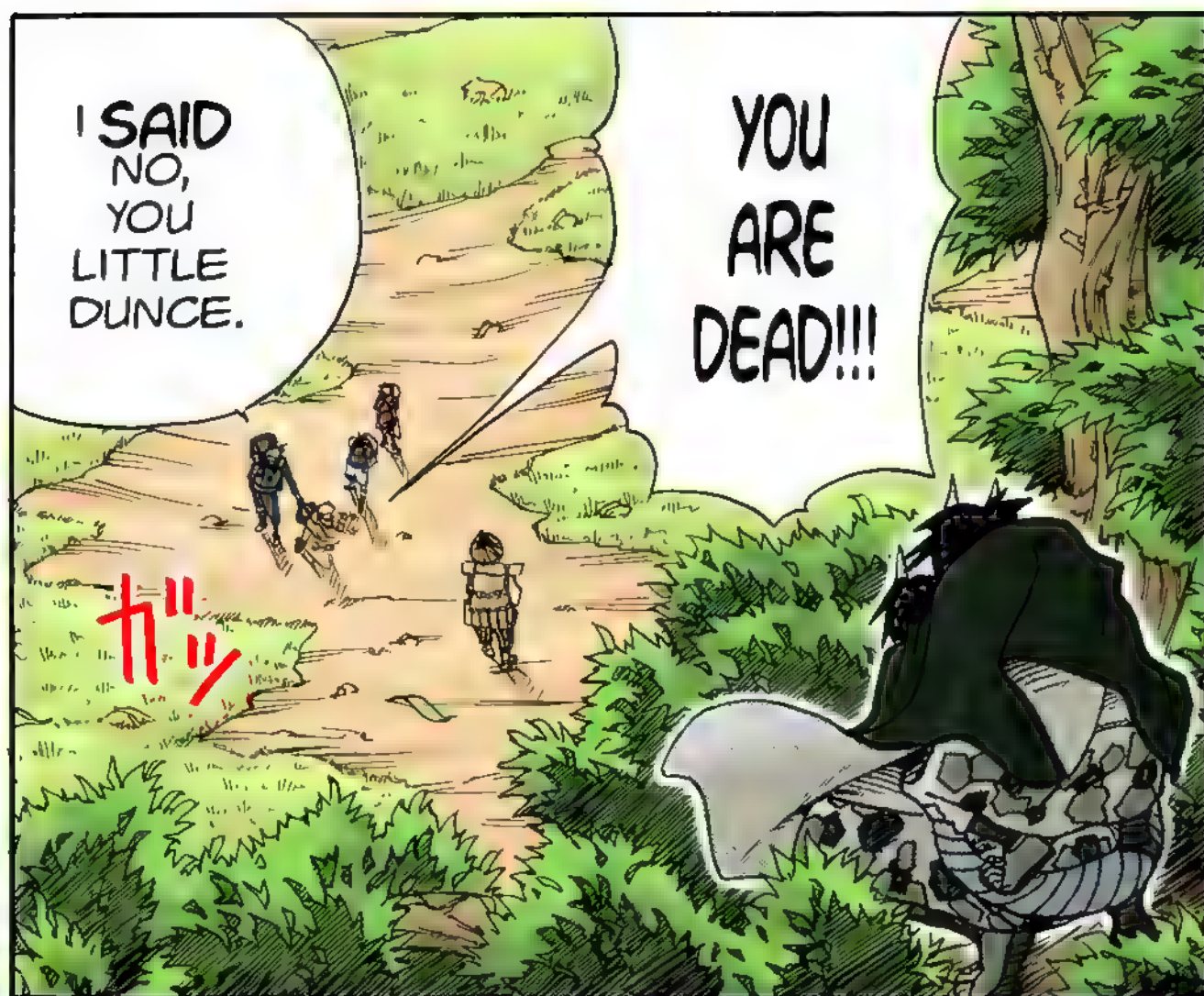


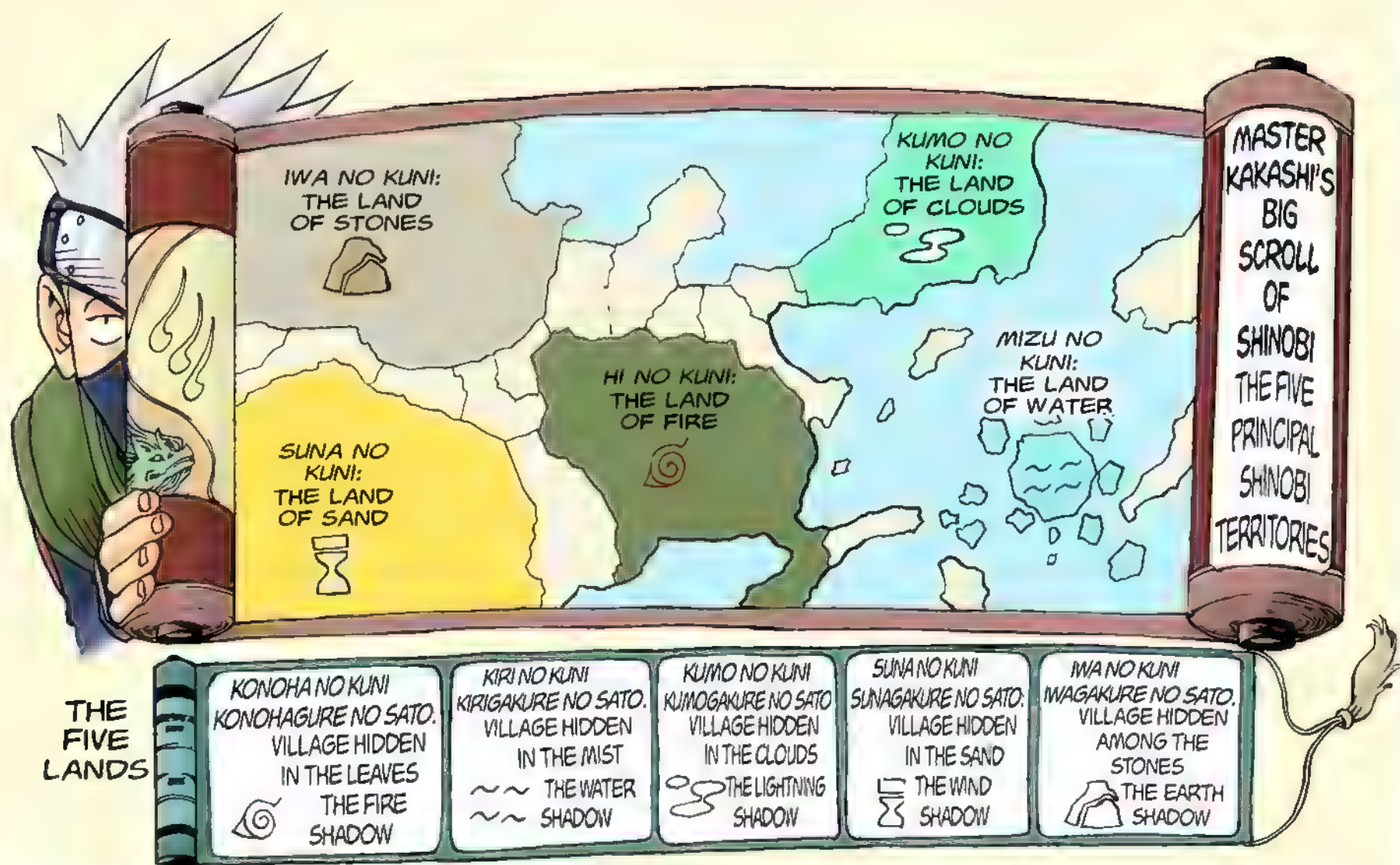












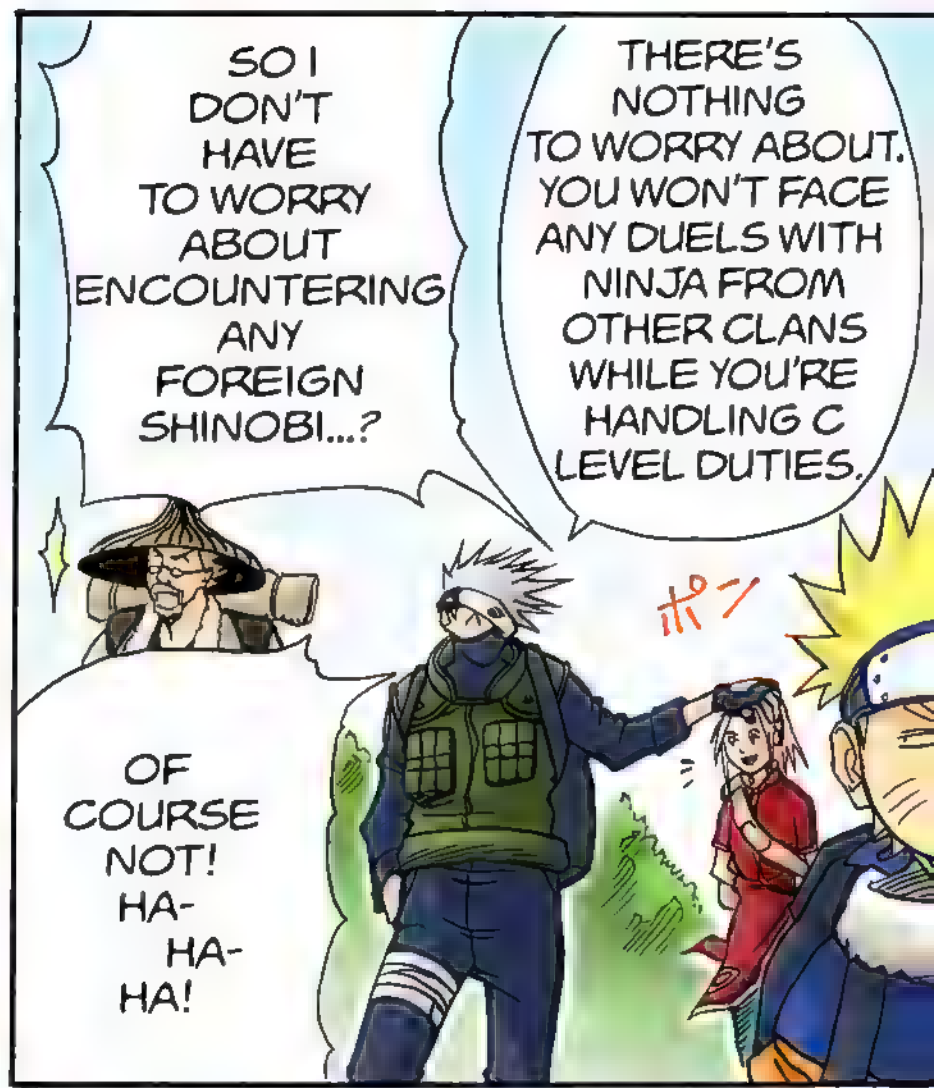
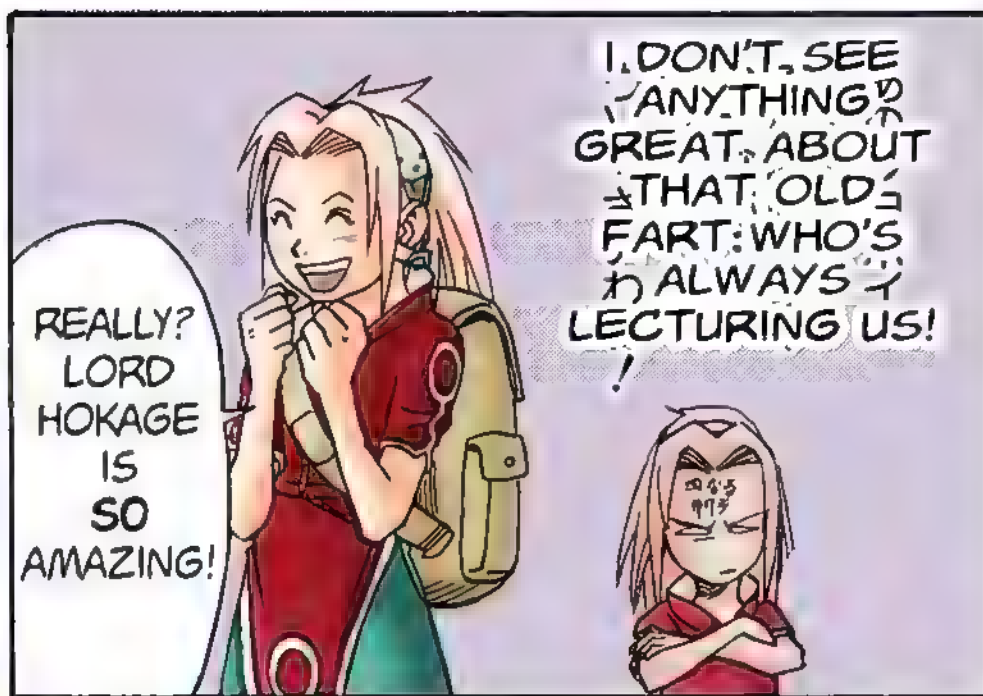
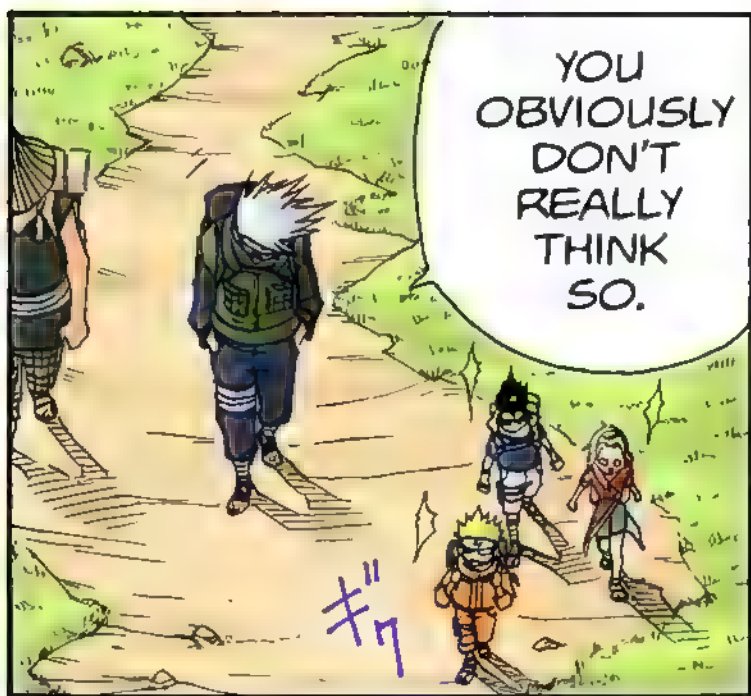
FOR MOST OF THE COUNTRIES ON THIS CONTINENT, THE NINJA VILLAGES SERVE AS THE MILITARY FORCE. THEY PROTECT THEIR OWN PEOPLE AND HANDLE THE ONGOING RELATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES! YET, THE VILLAGES DO NOT ANSWER TO THE RULERS OF THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES. INSTEAD, THEY ARE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN THE CASE OF VERY SMALL ISLAND NATIONS WHERE AN INVASION WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MOUNT, A NINJA VILLAGE IS REGARDED AS UNNECESSARY. AMONG THE VARIOUS NINJA VILLAGES, IN PARTICULAR, THOSE LOCATED IN THE LANDS OF KONOHA, KIRI, KUMO, KUMO, SUNA AND IWA ARE LARGE-AND THEIR STRENGTH IS IMMENSE. THOSE ARE CALLED THE FIVE GREAT LANDS OF SHINOBI. THEY ARE ALSO THE ONLY PLACES WHERE THE SHINOBI LEADER CALLS HIMSELF A KAGE, OR SHADOW...

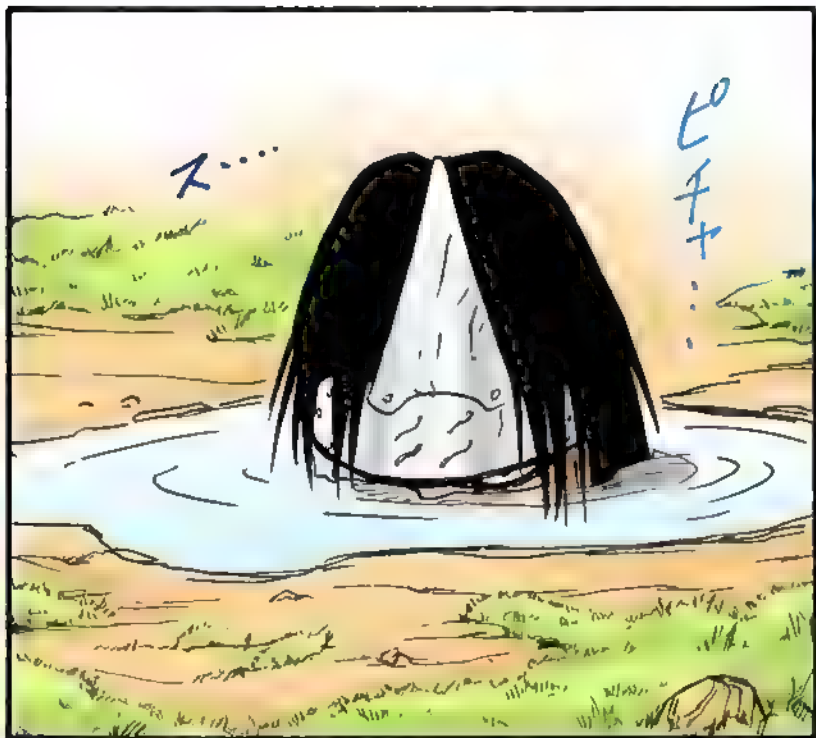
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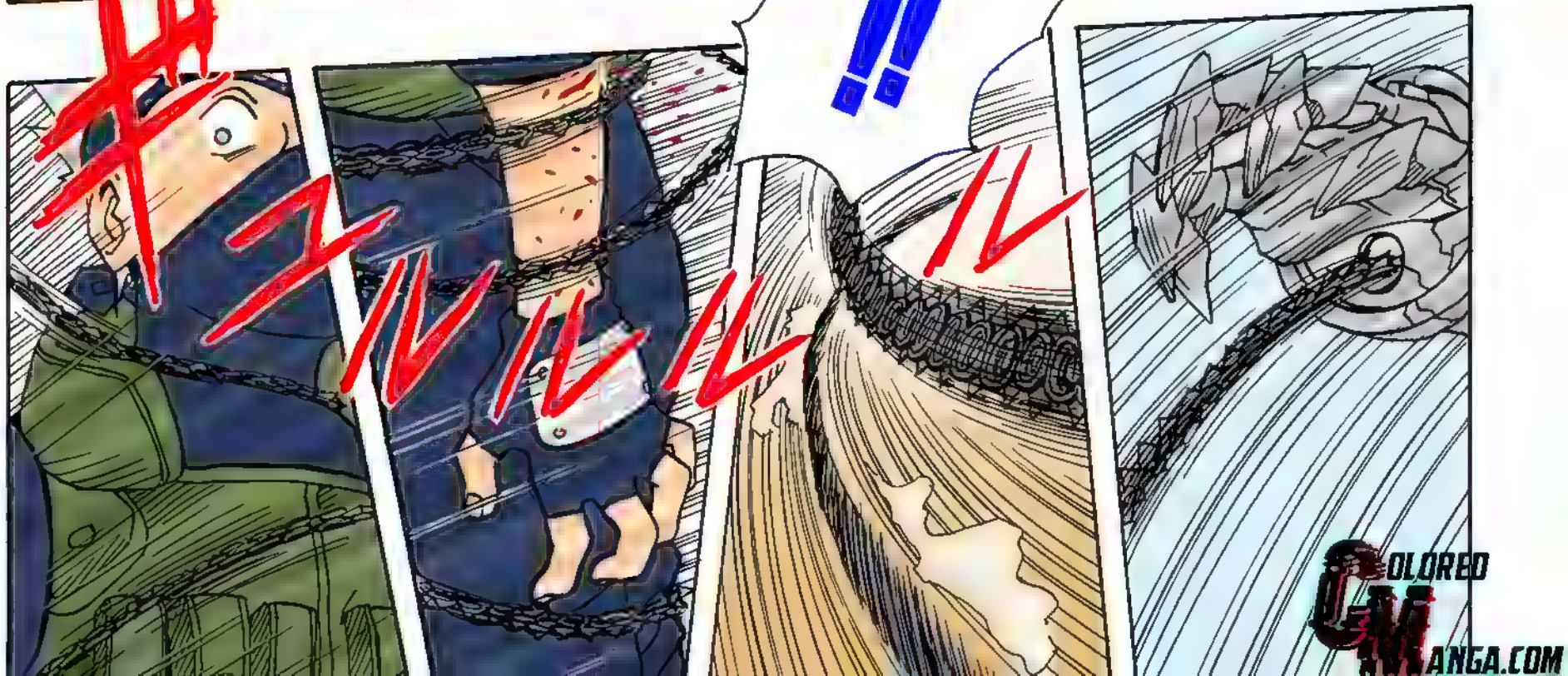
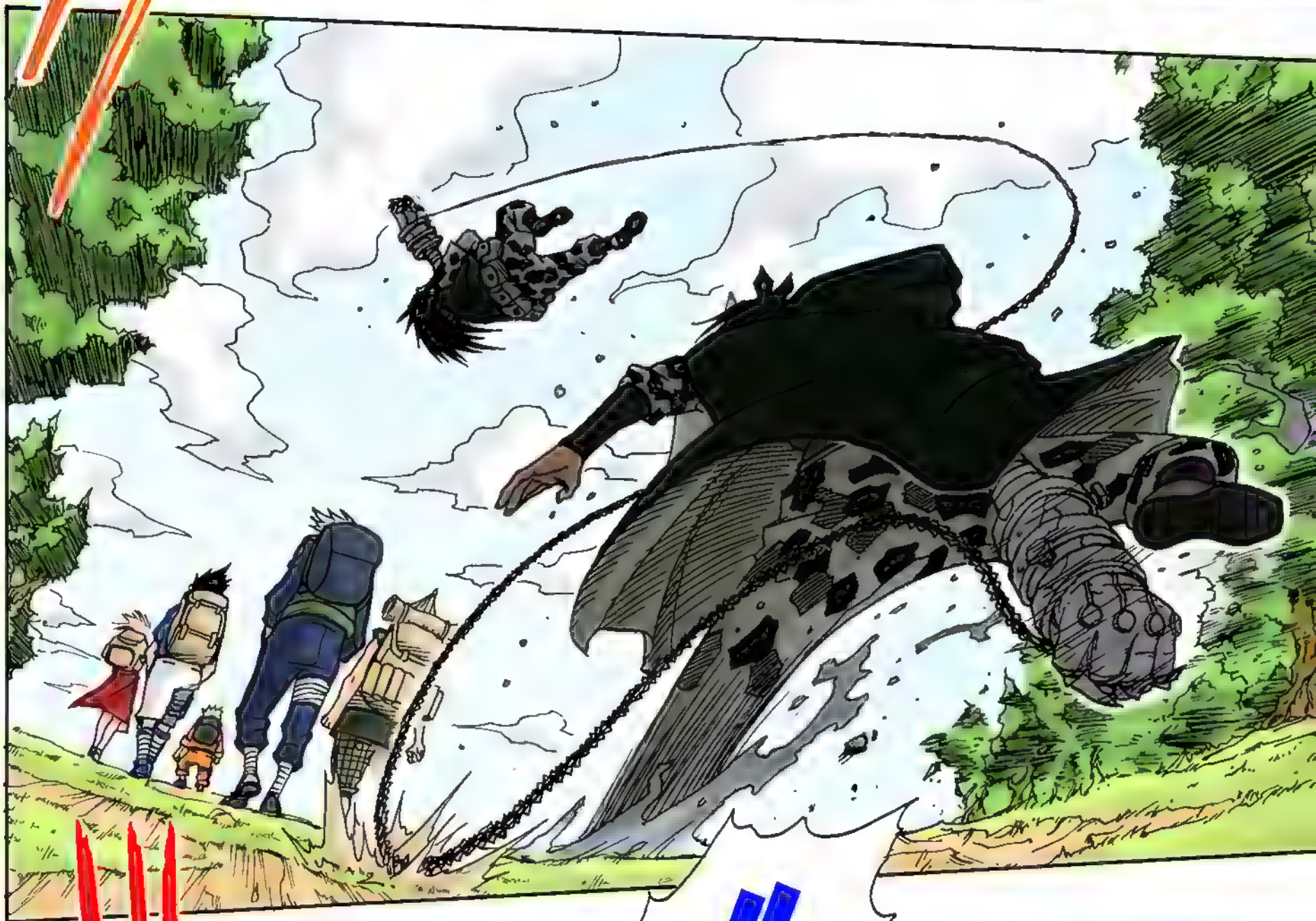
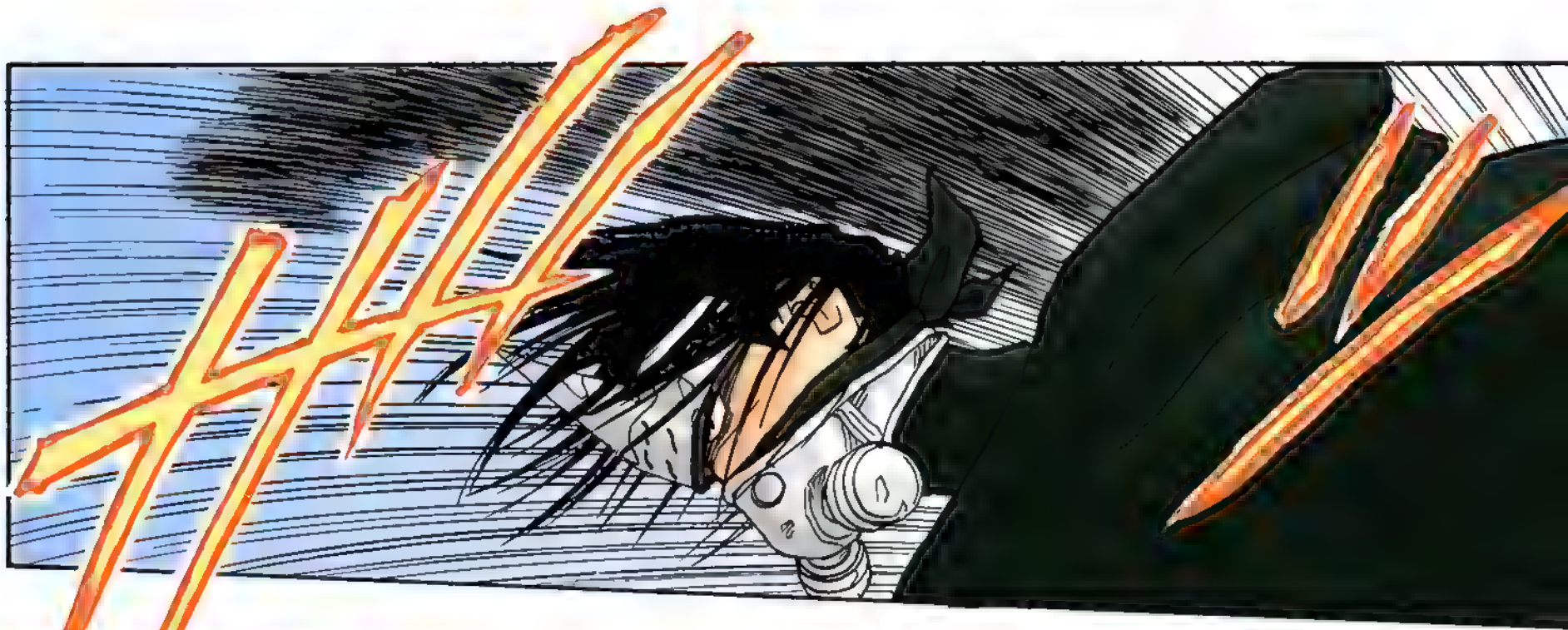
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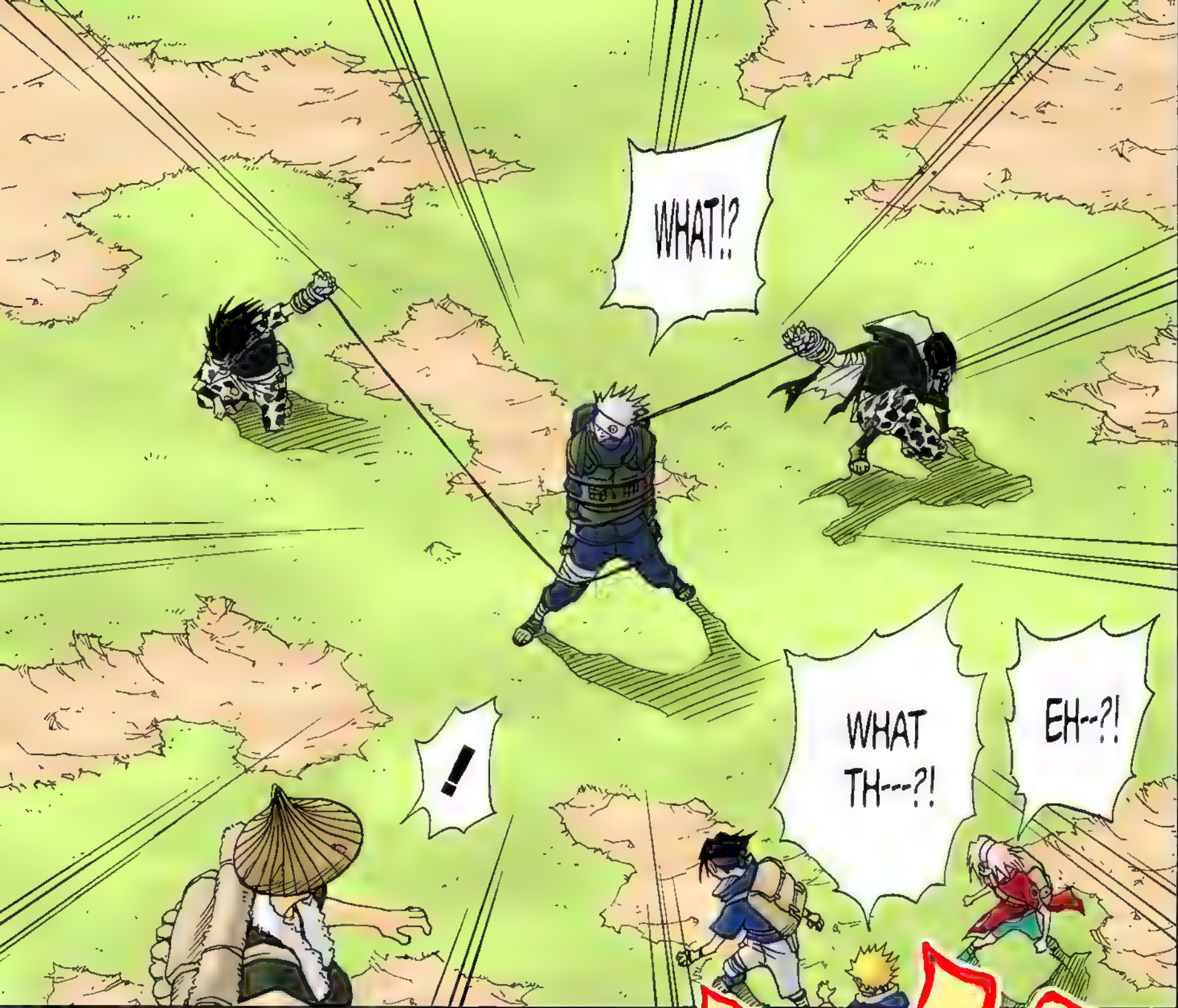
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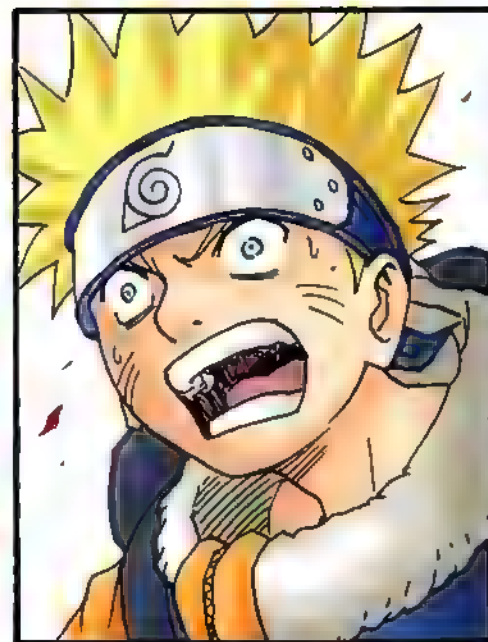
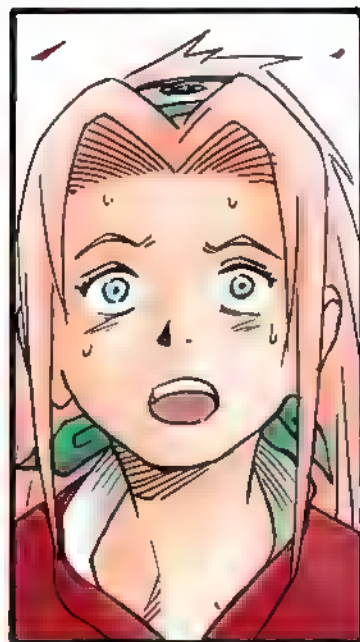
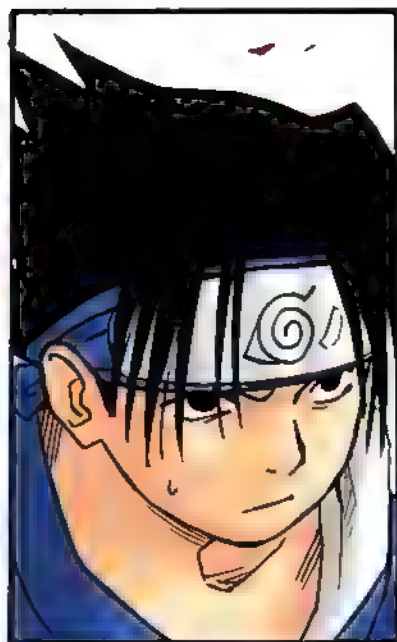
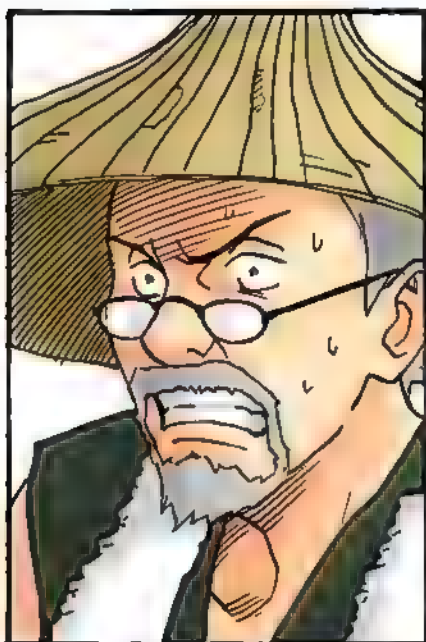












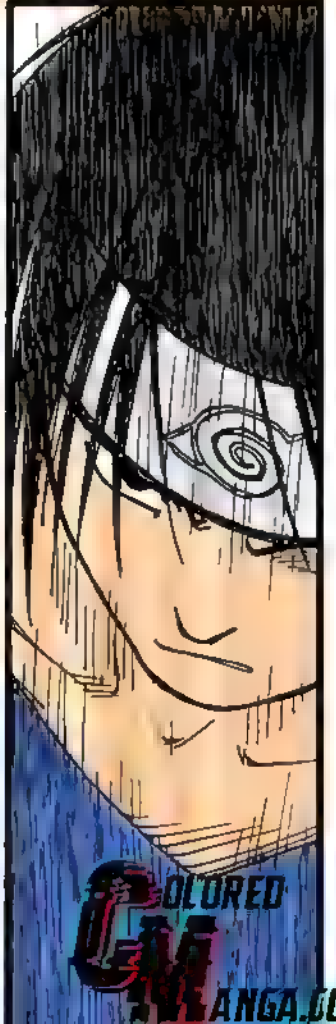
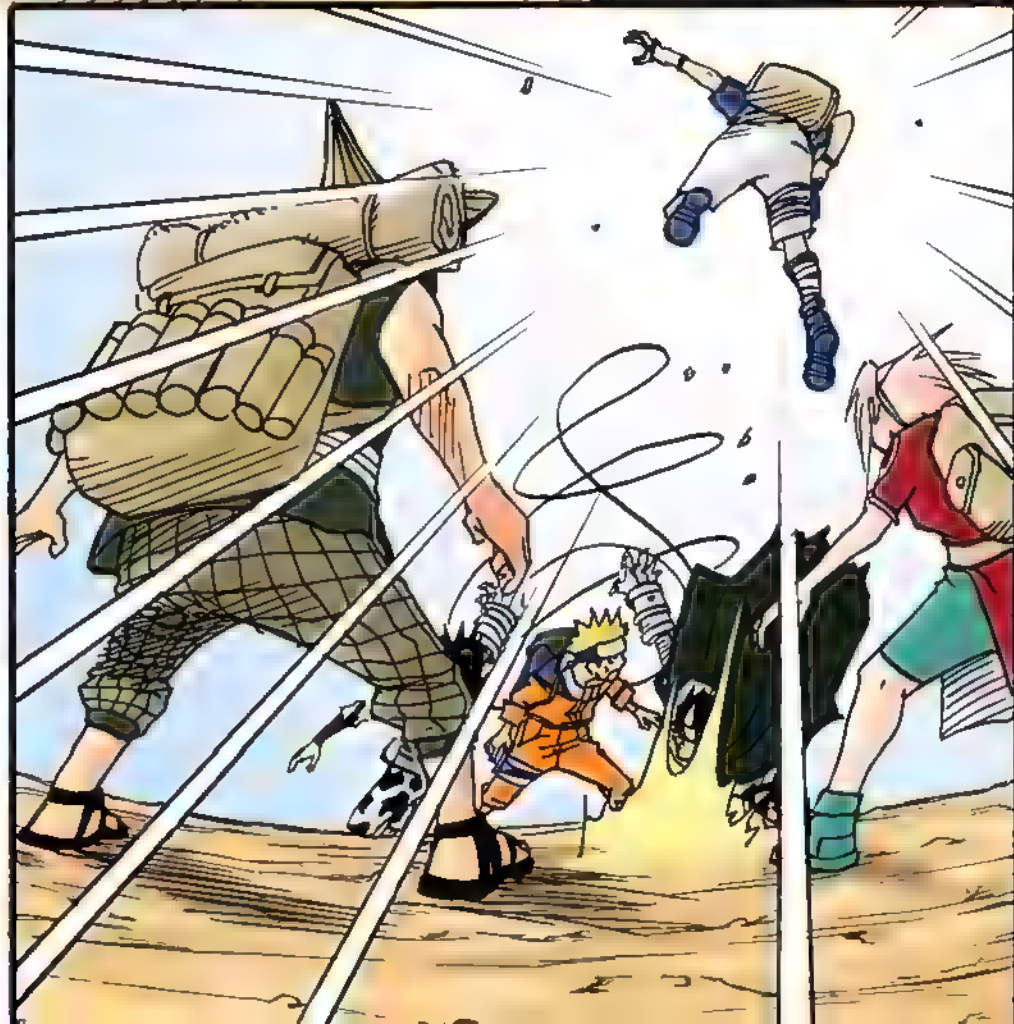


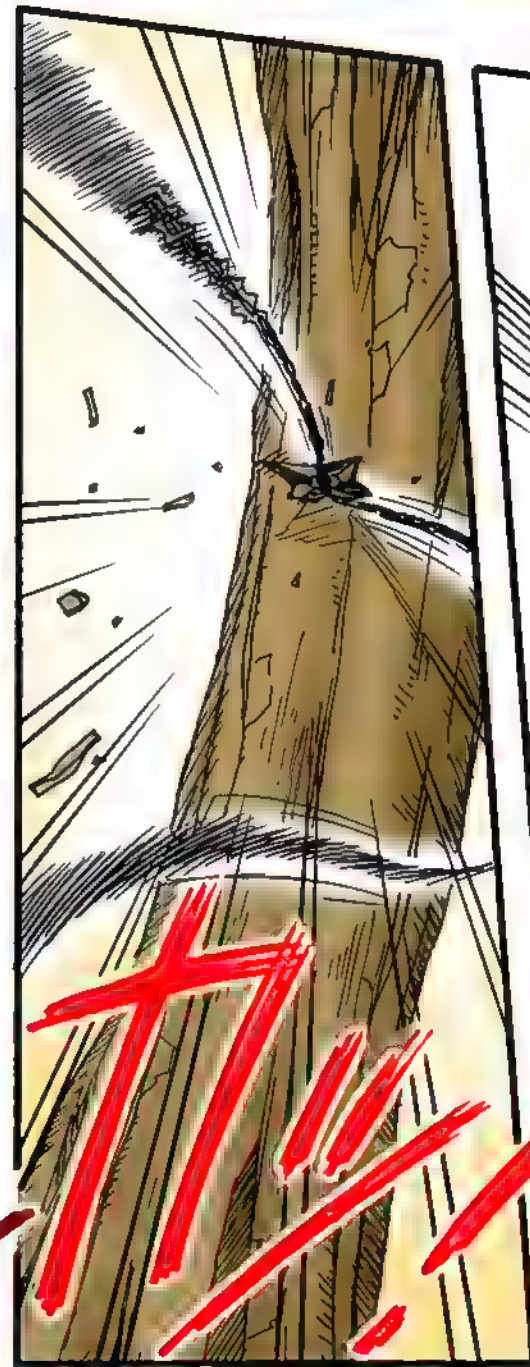
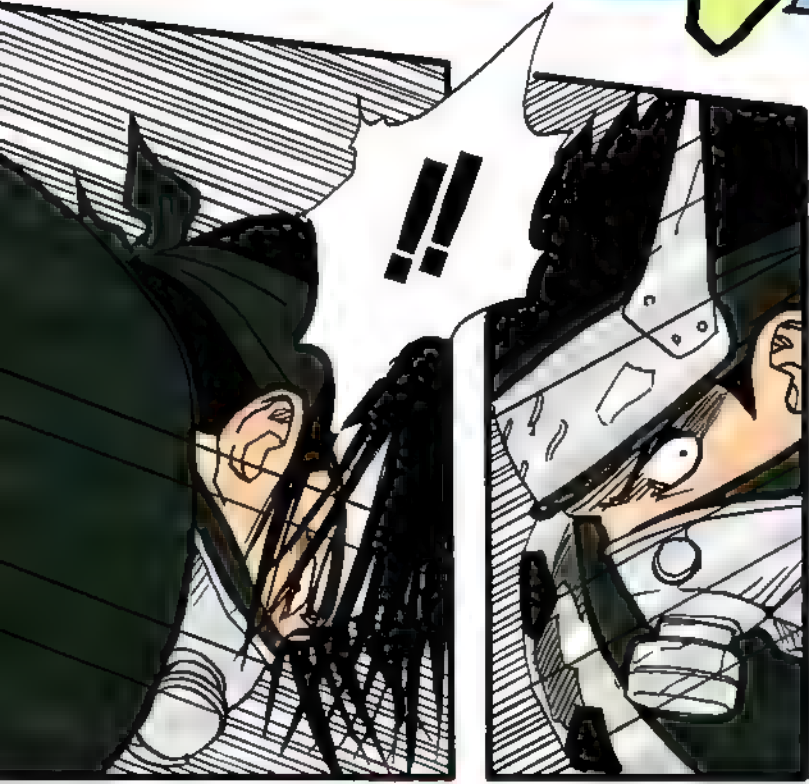
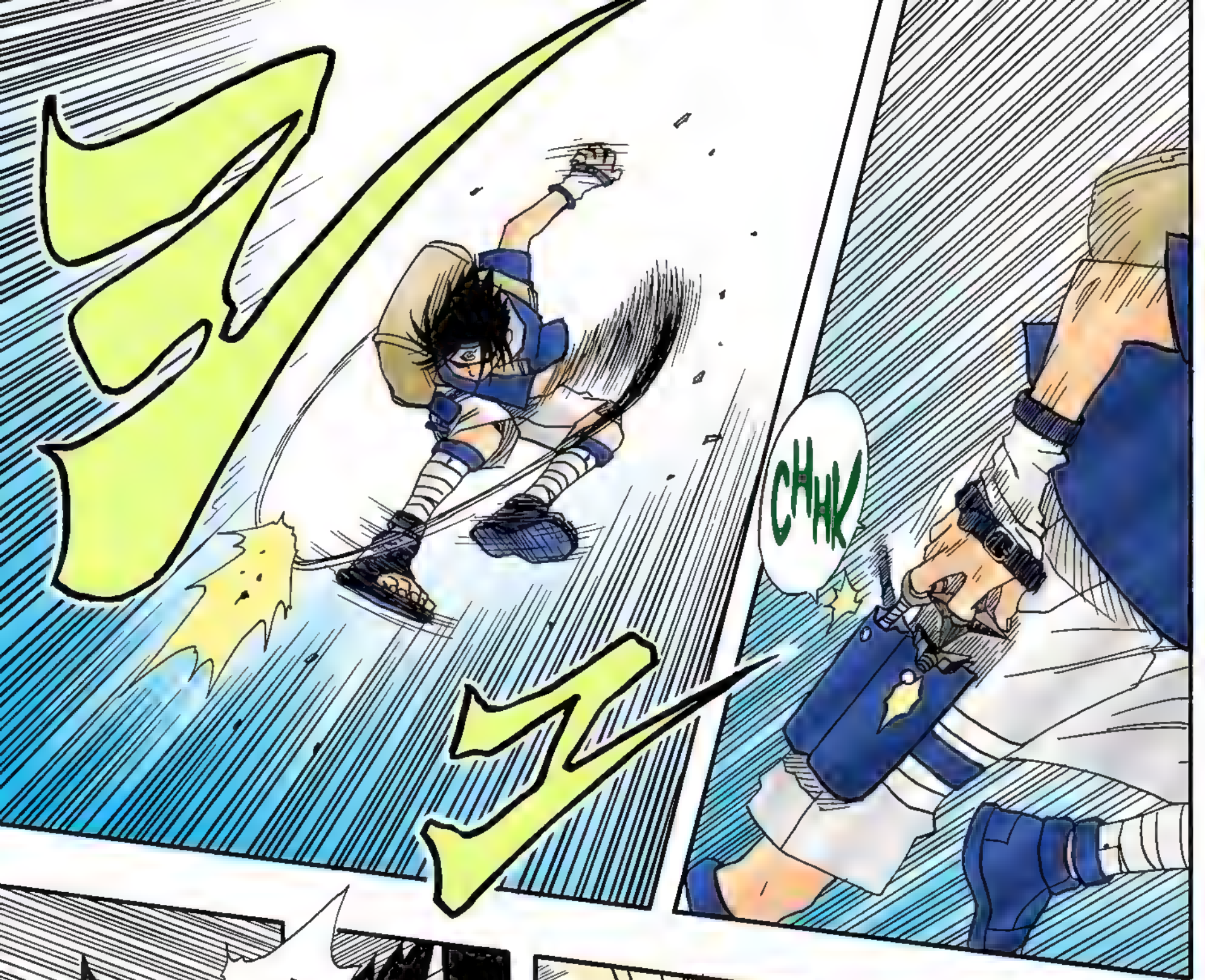
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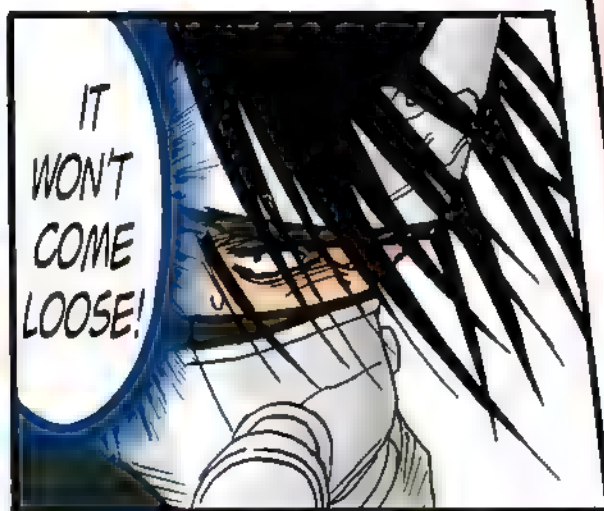
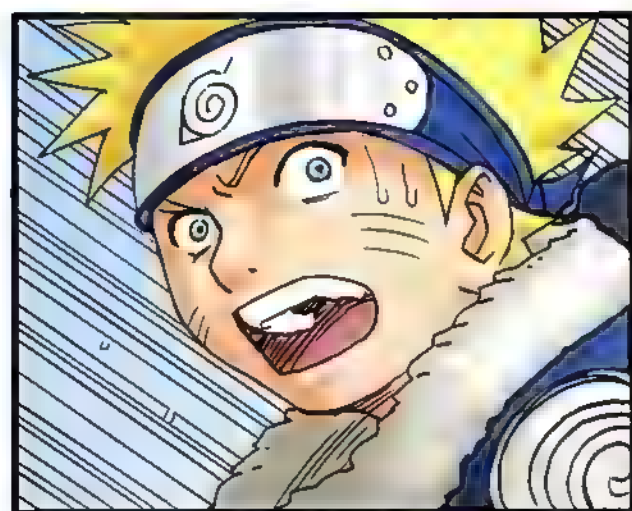
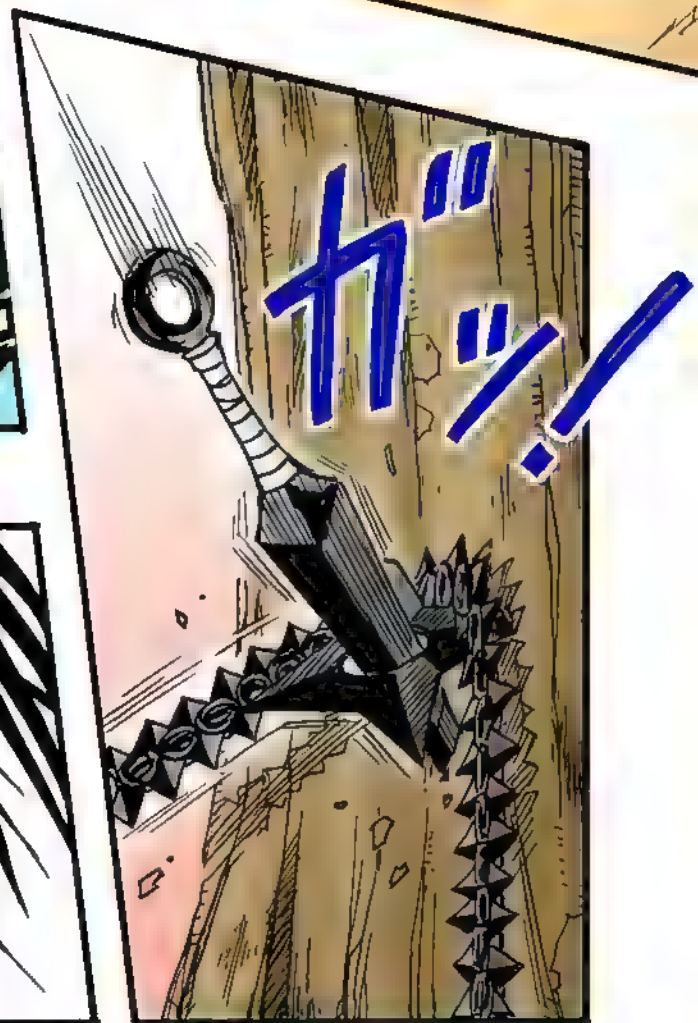
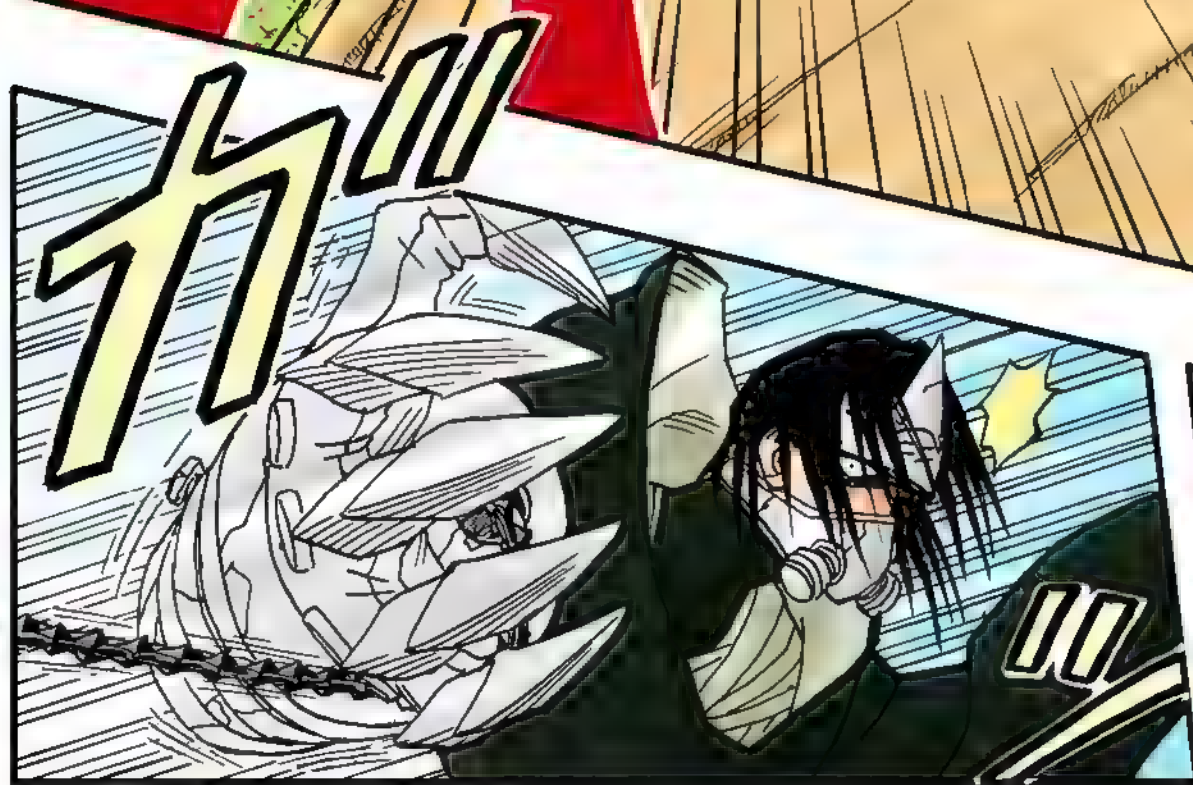
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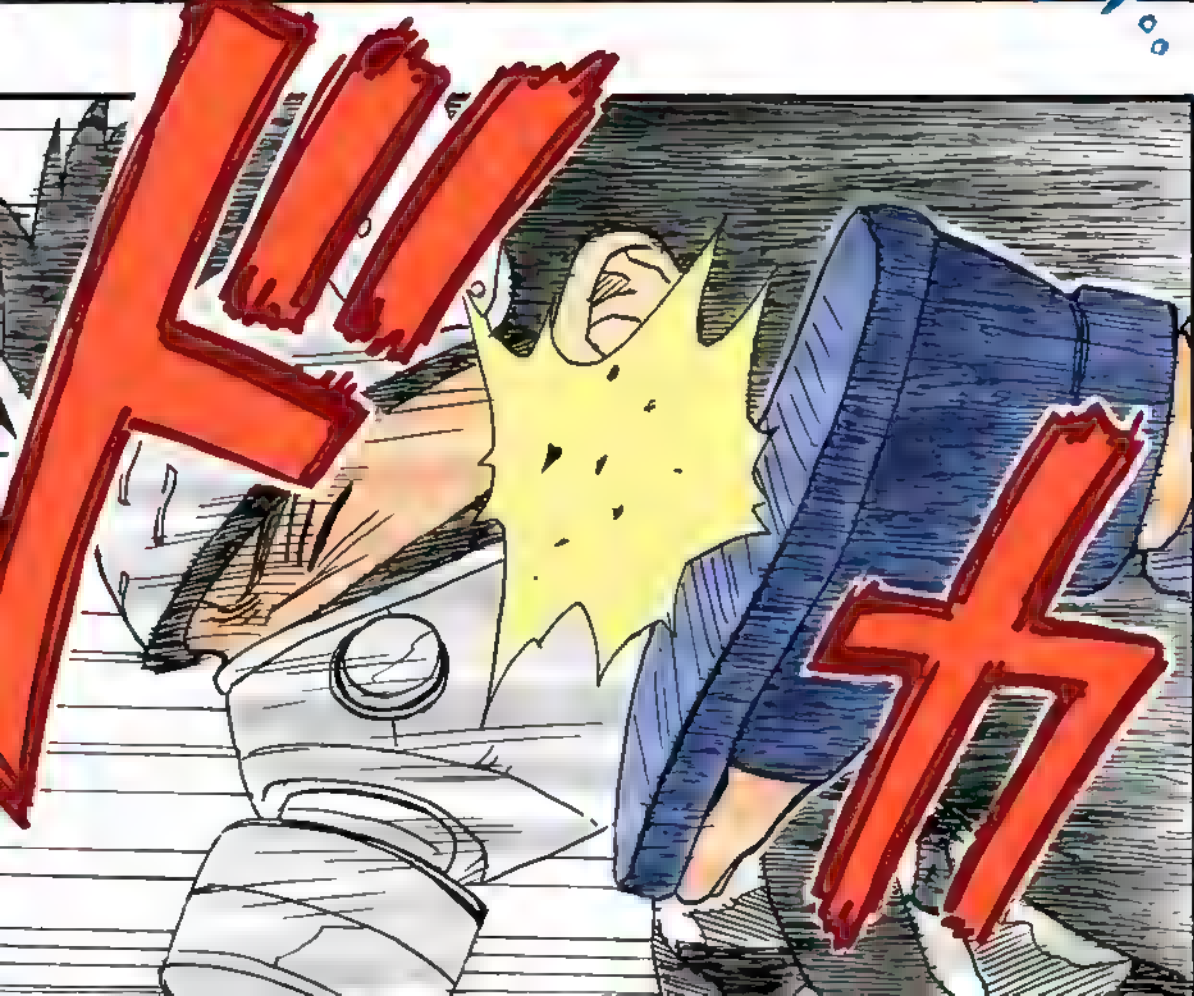
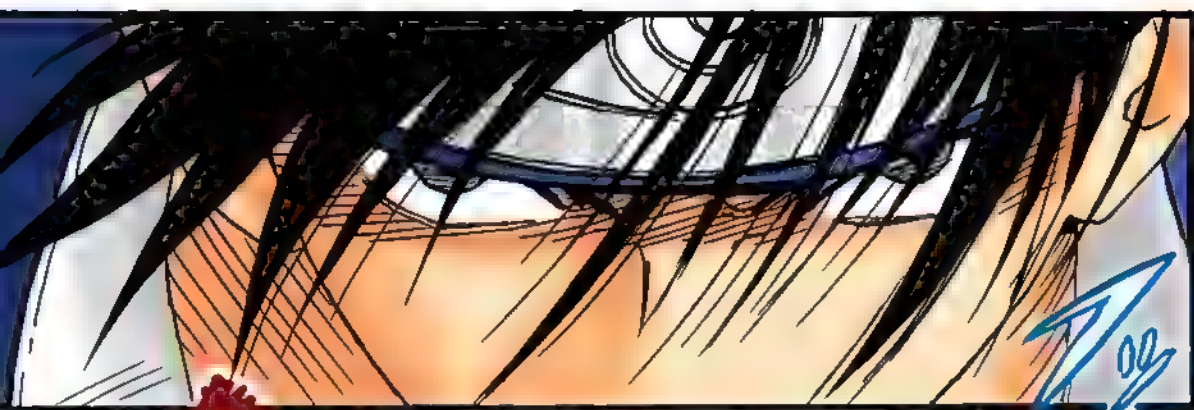
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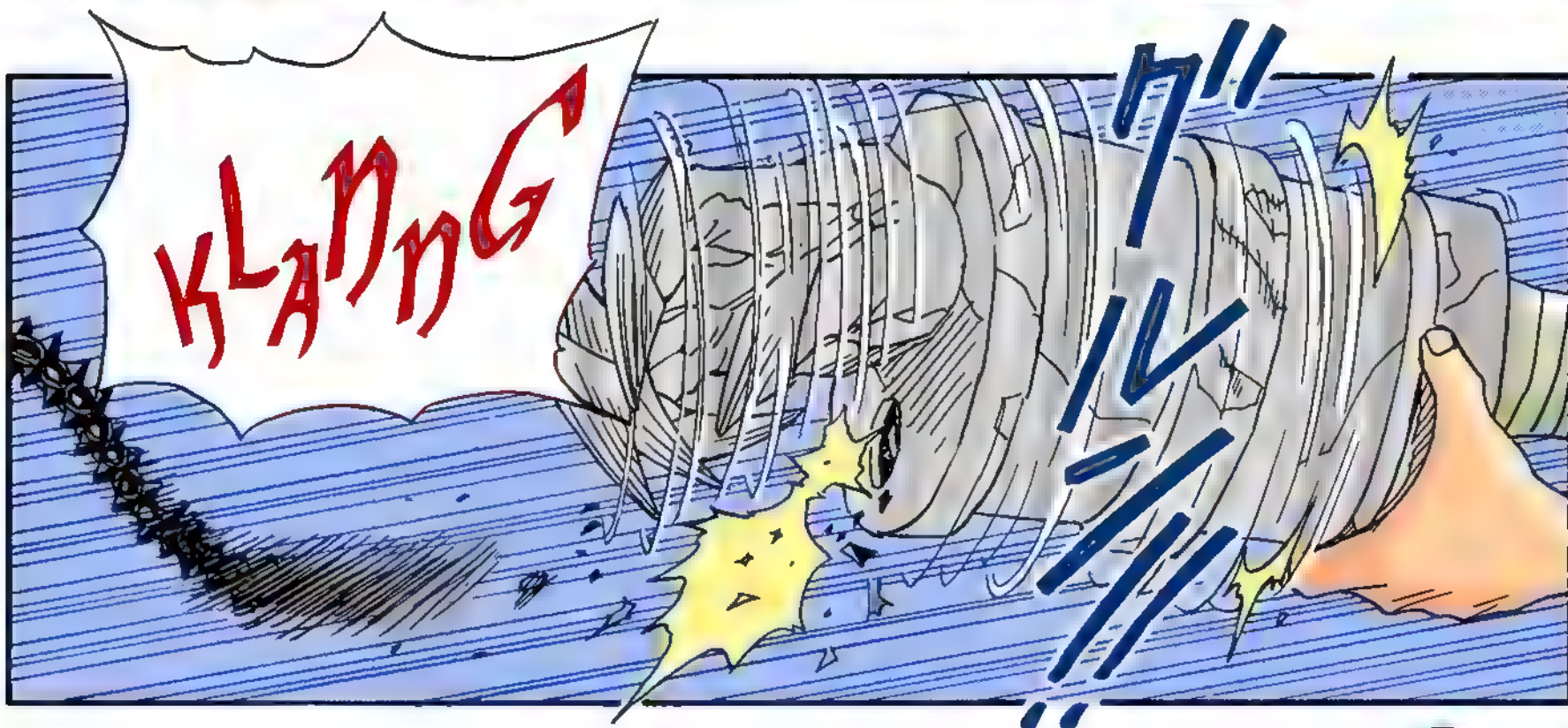
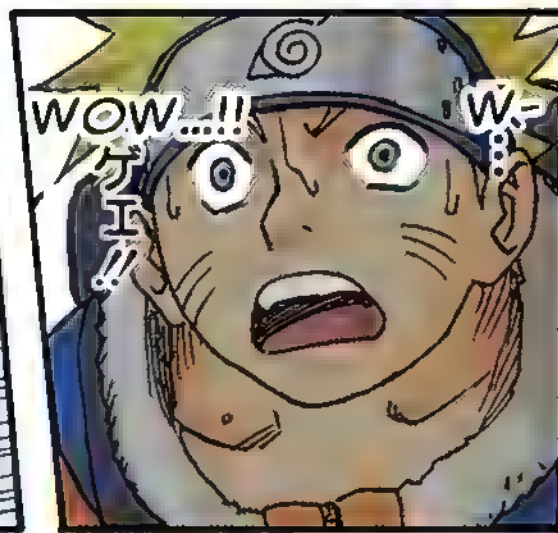
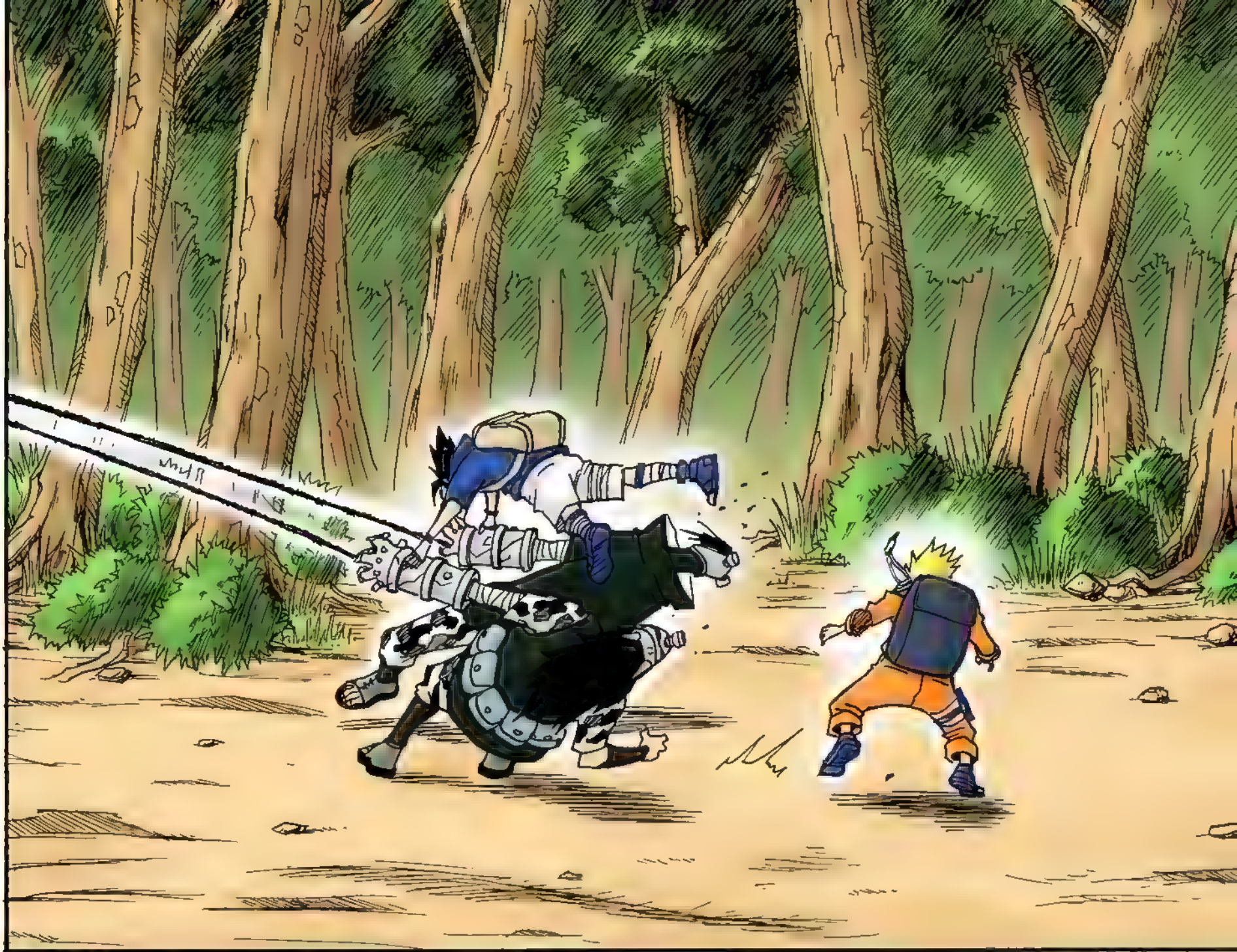


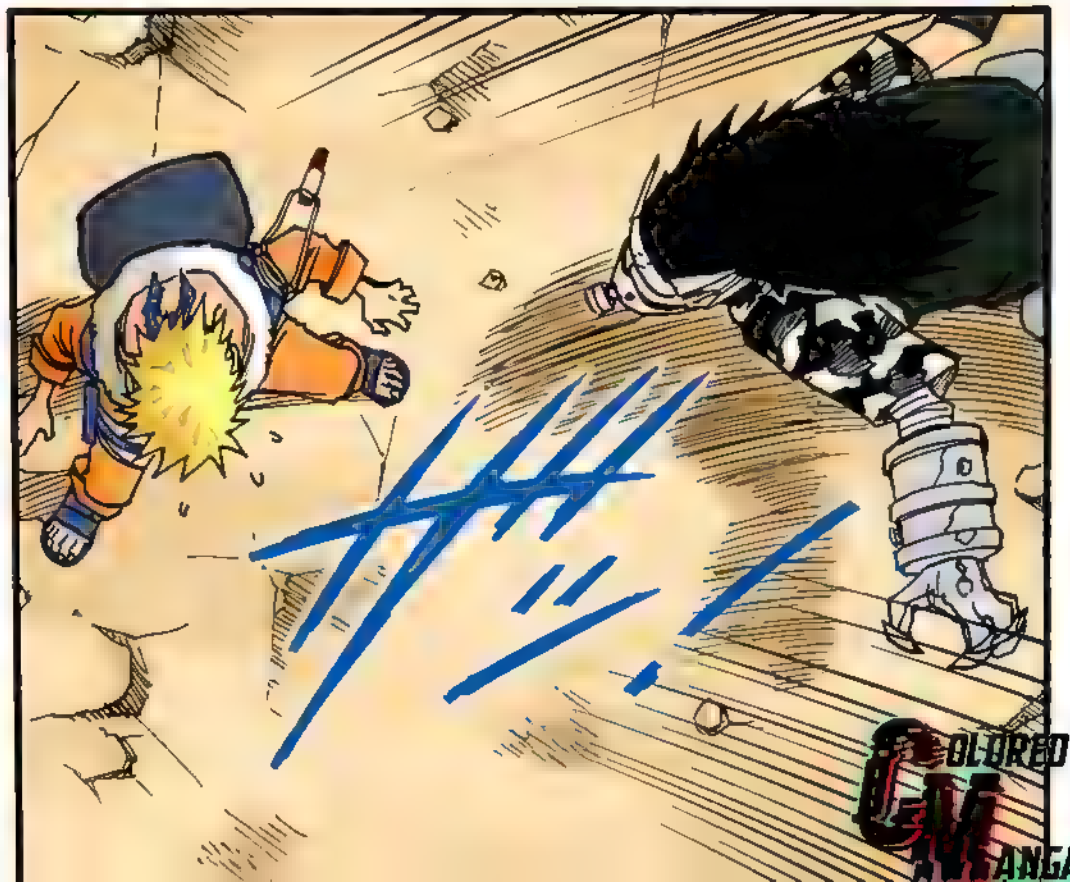
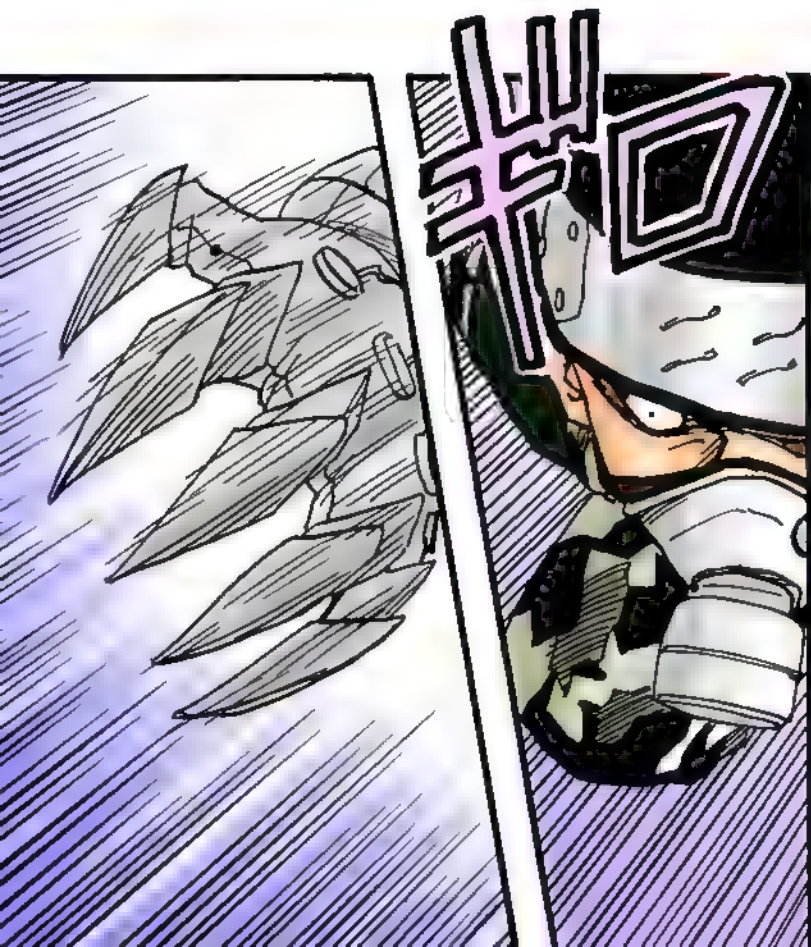
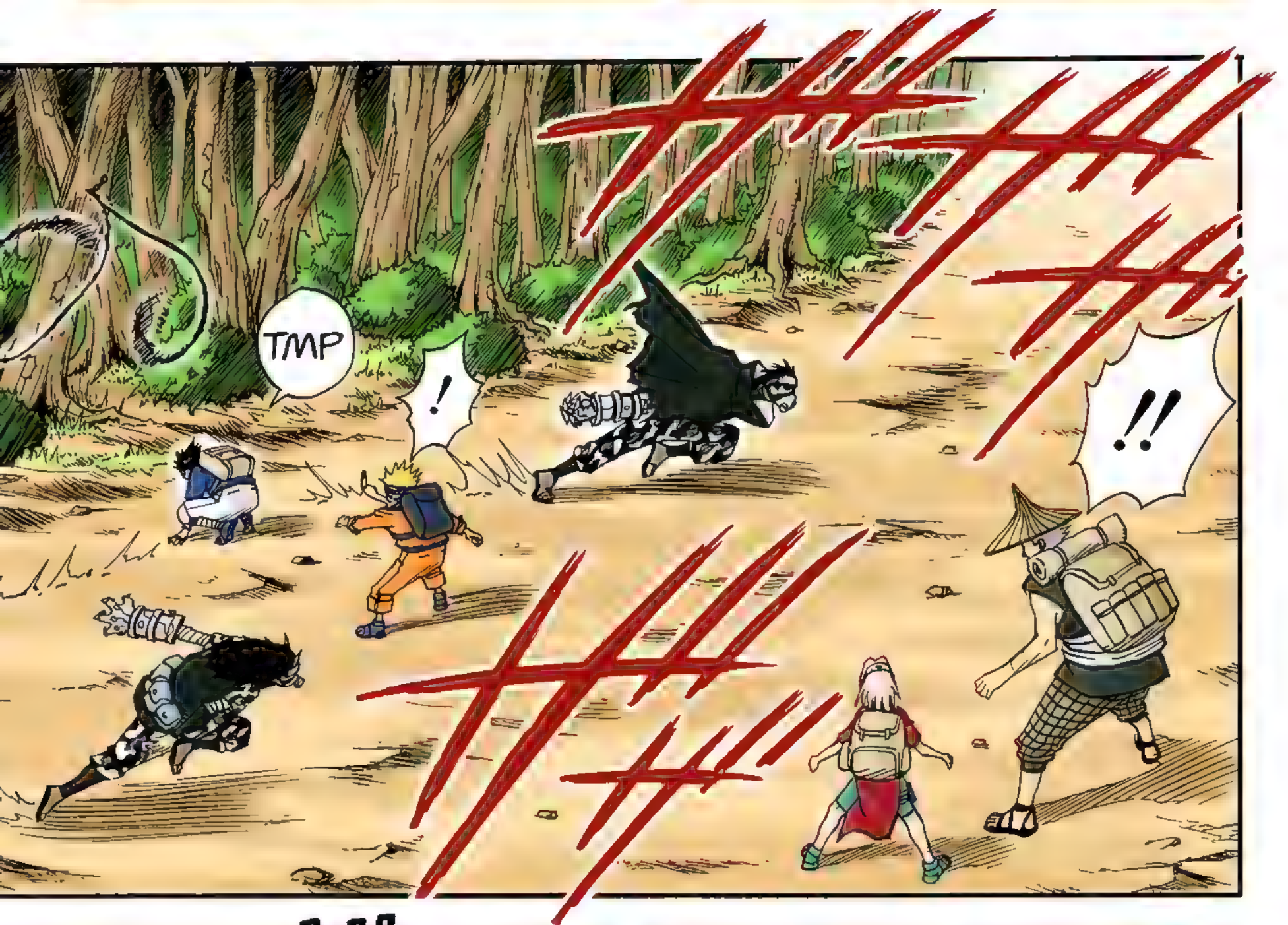
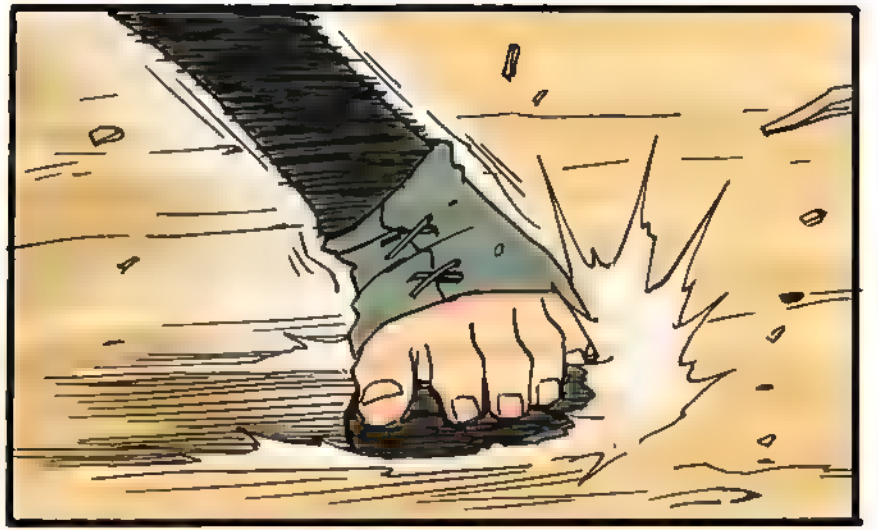
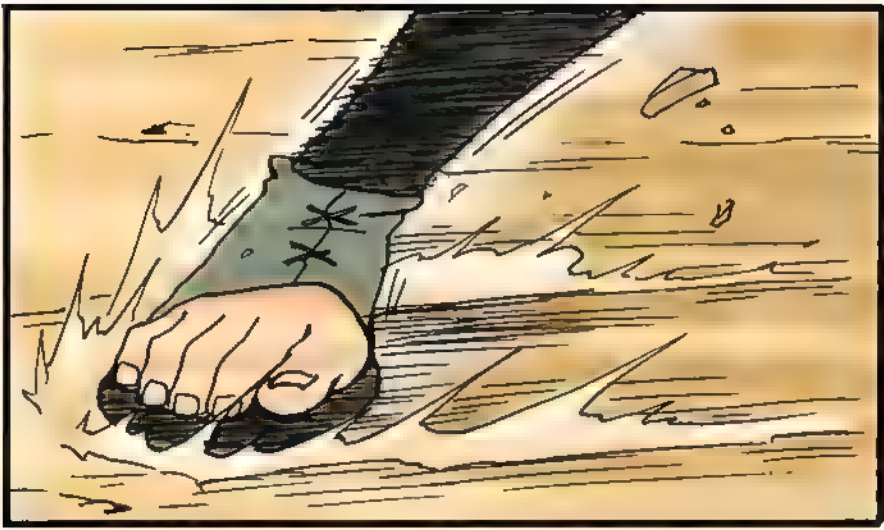


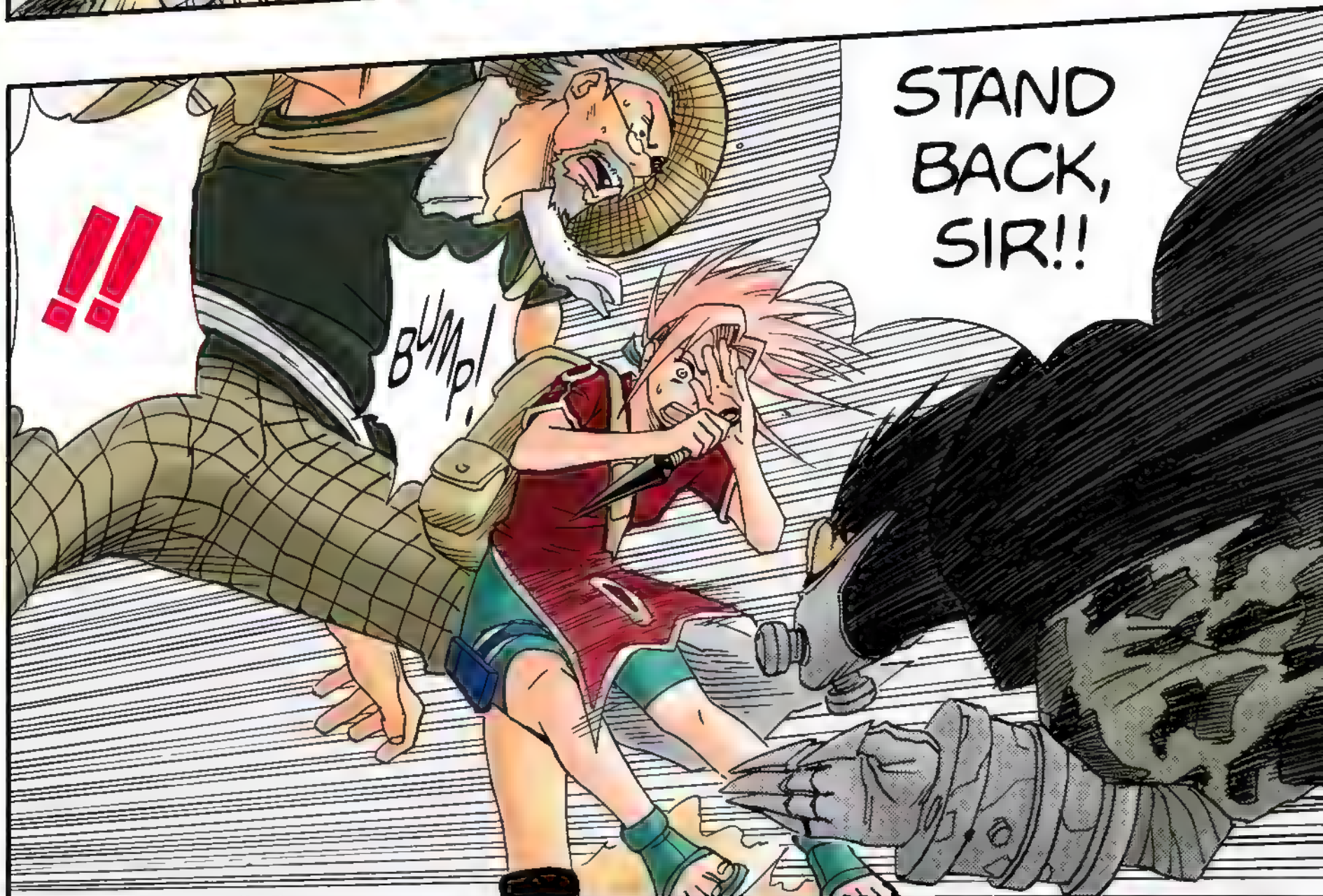
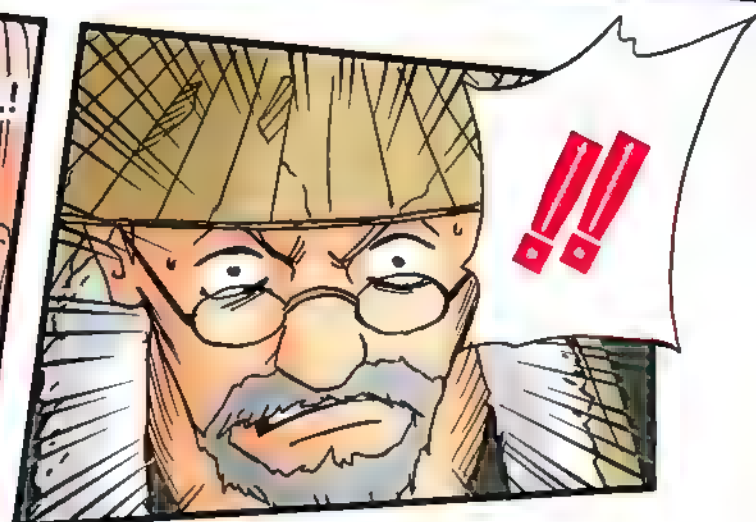
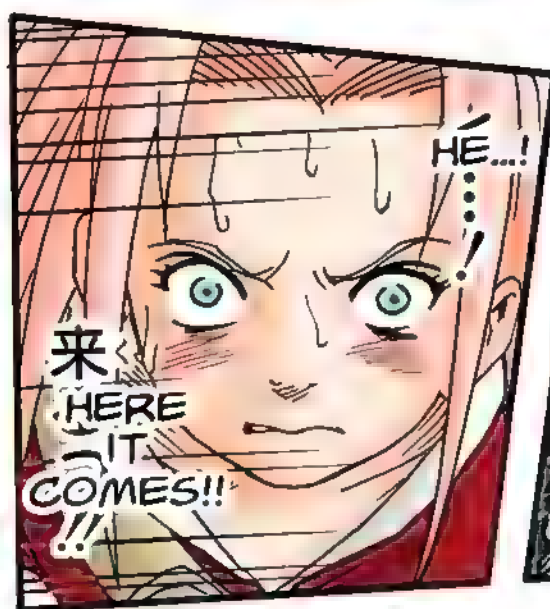
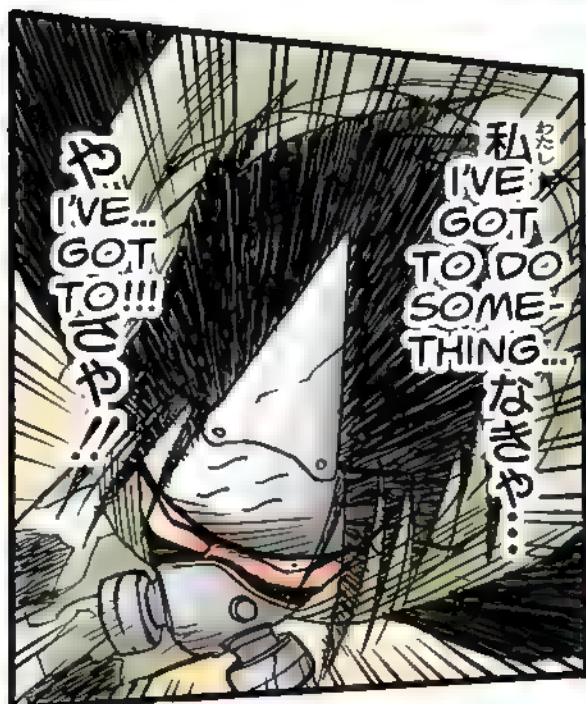


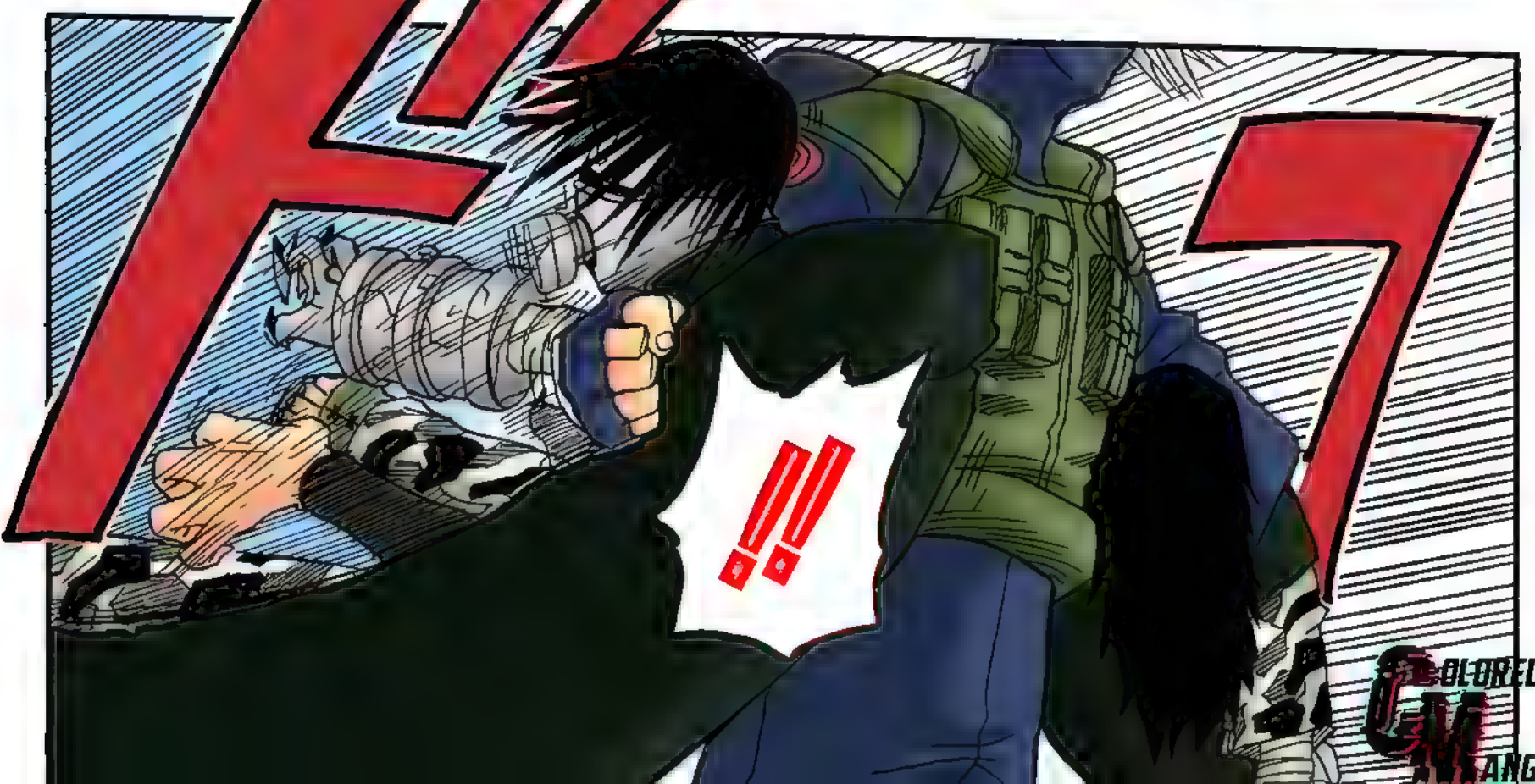
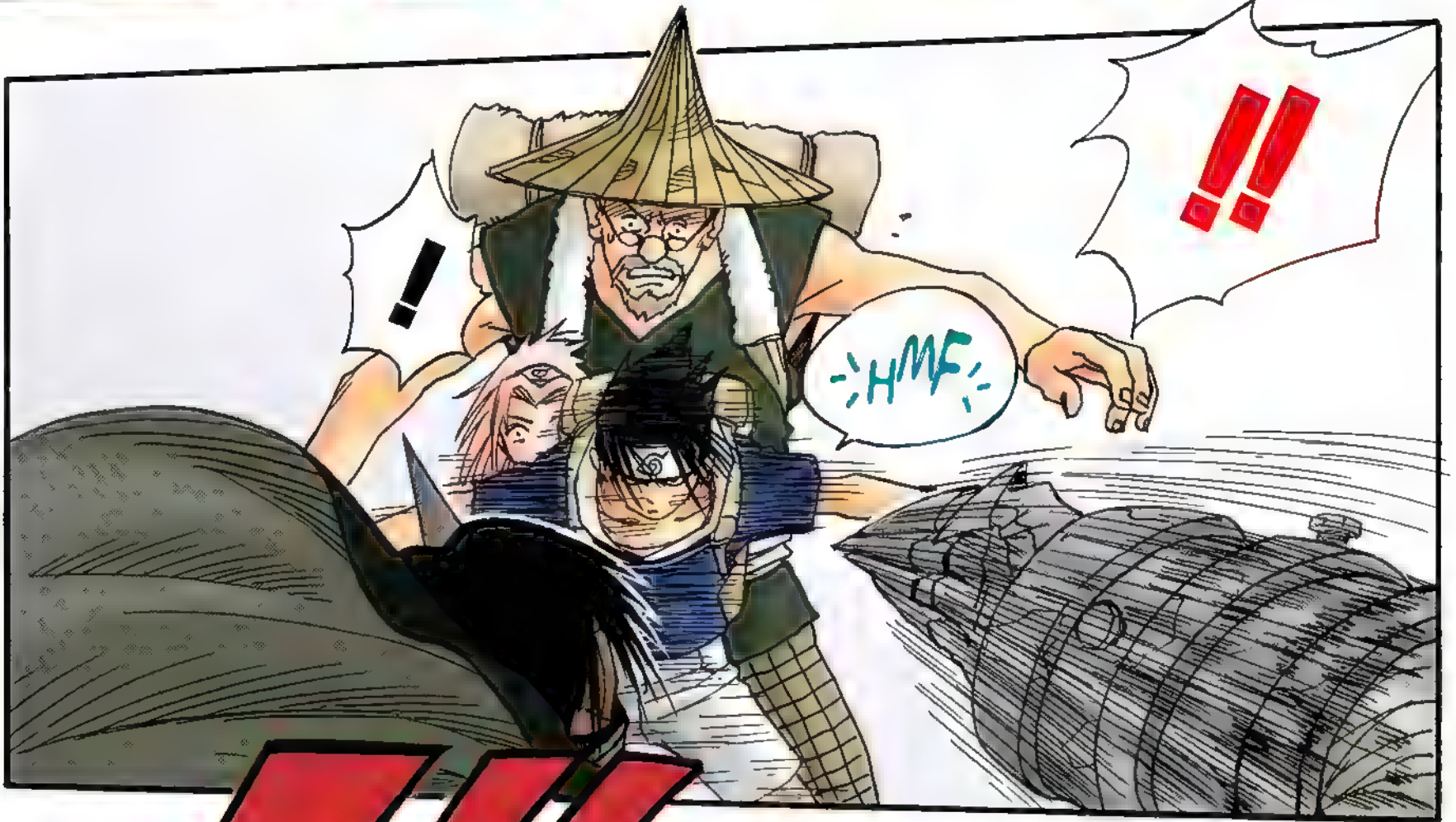
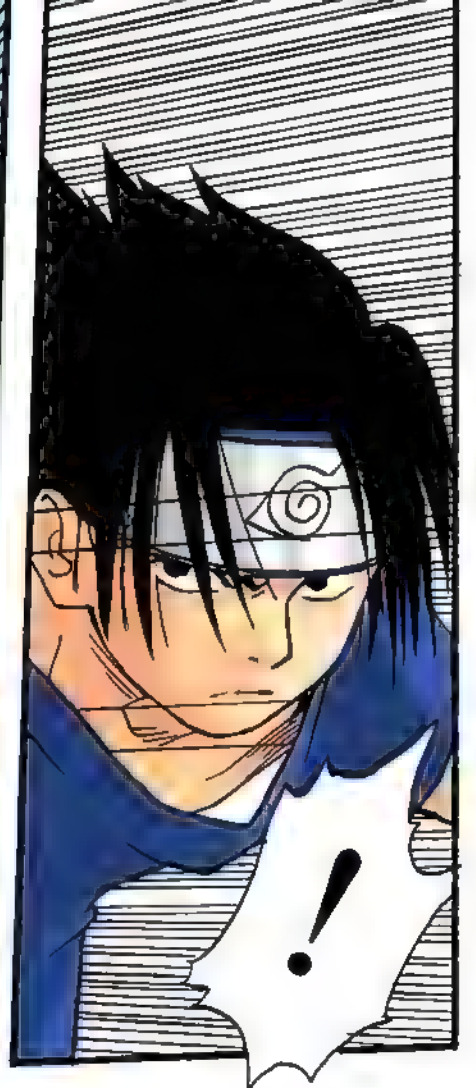
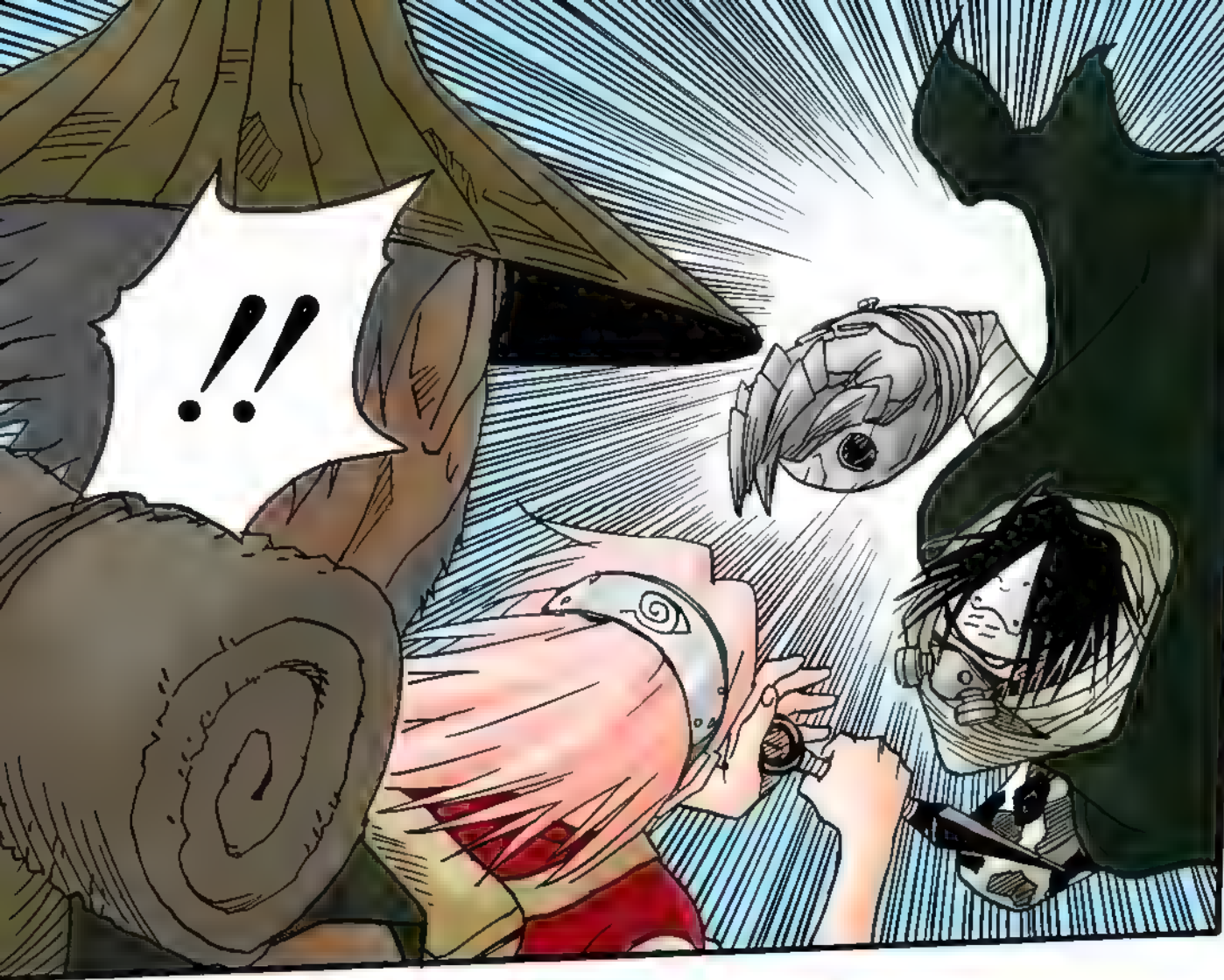


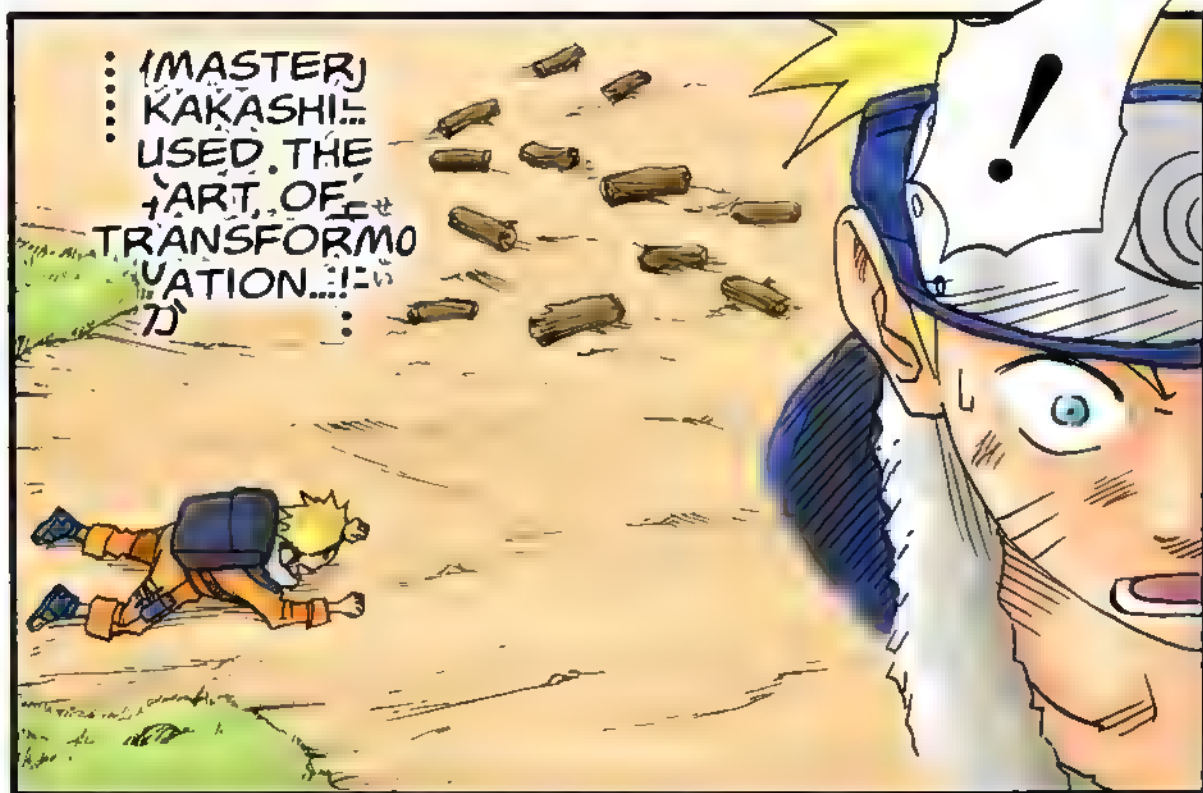
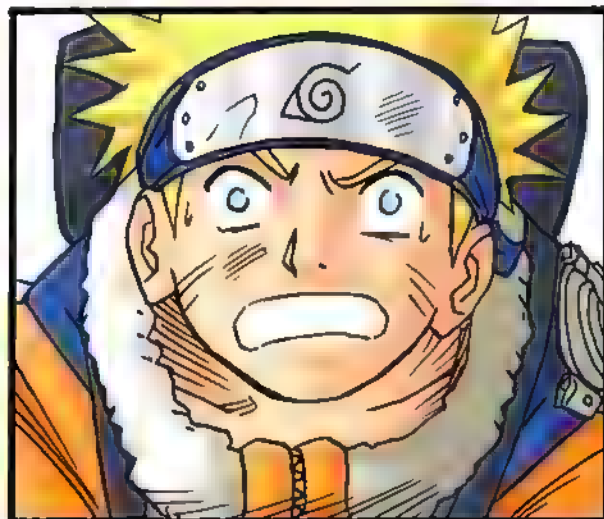
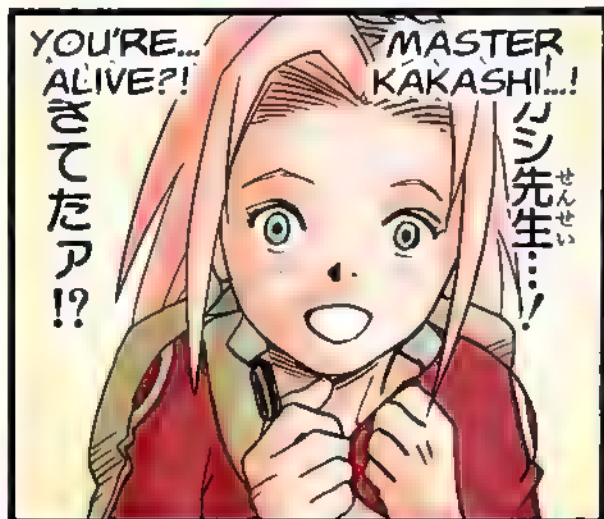
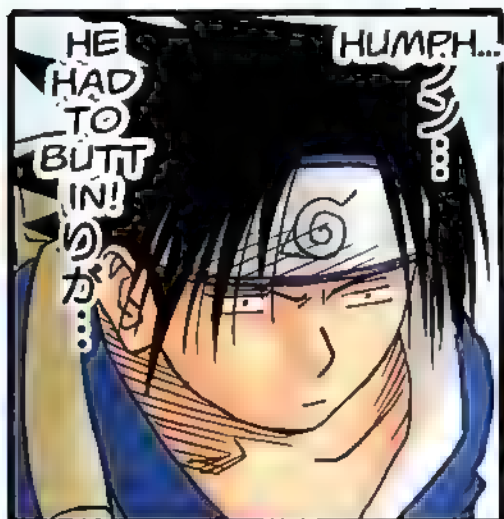


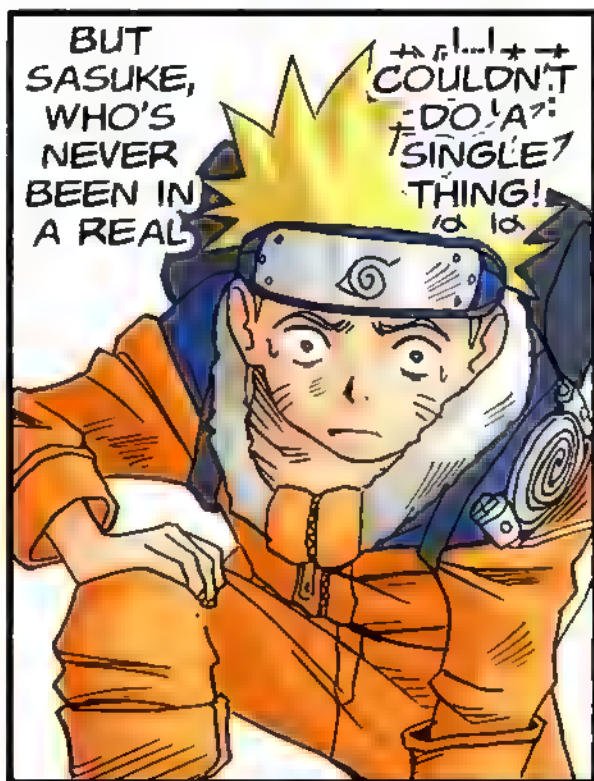


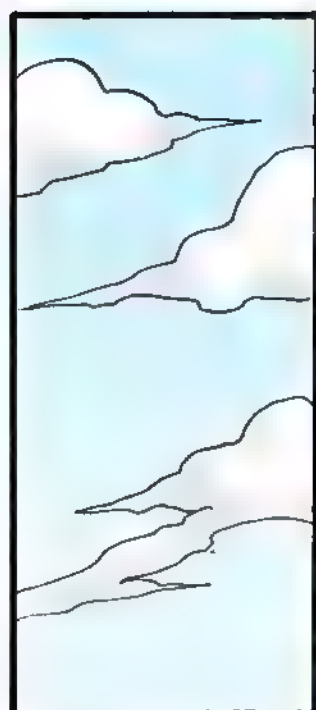


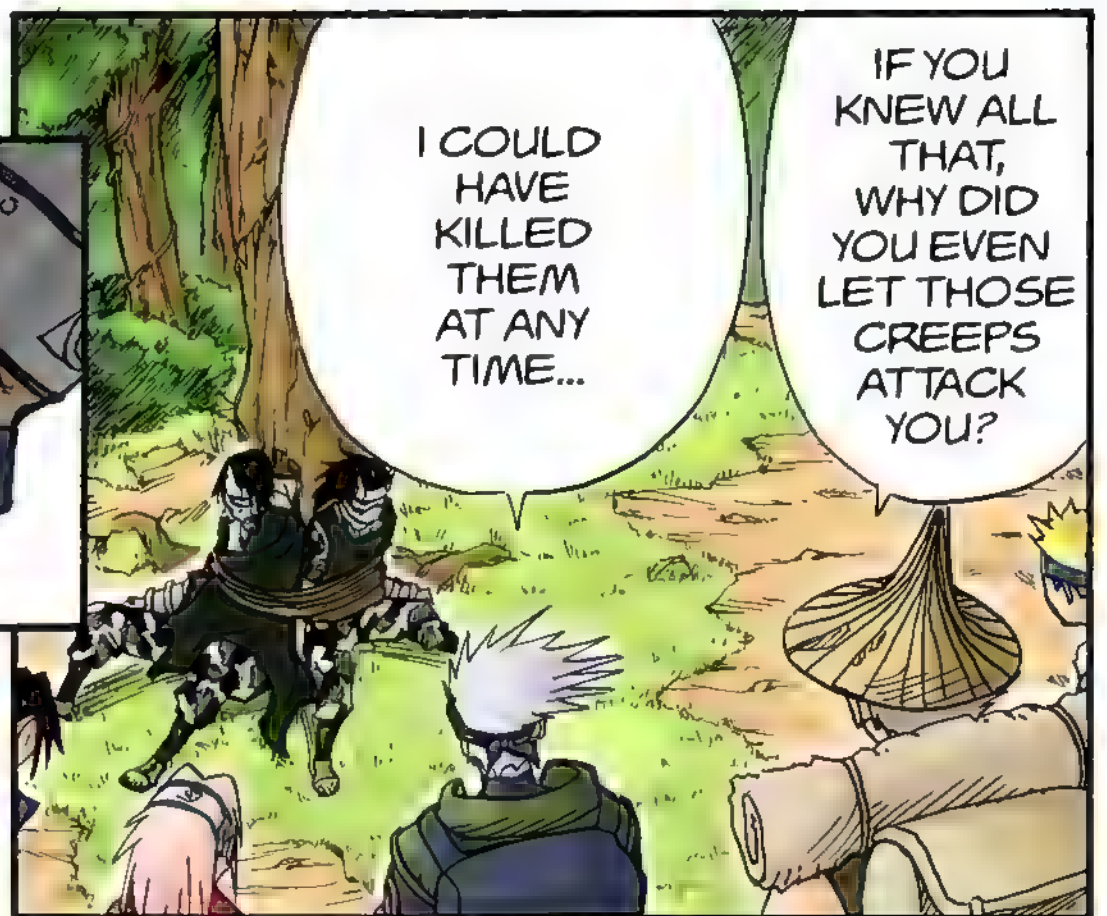


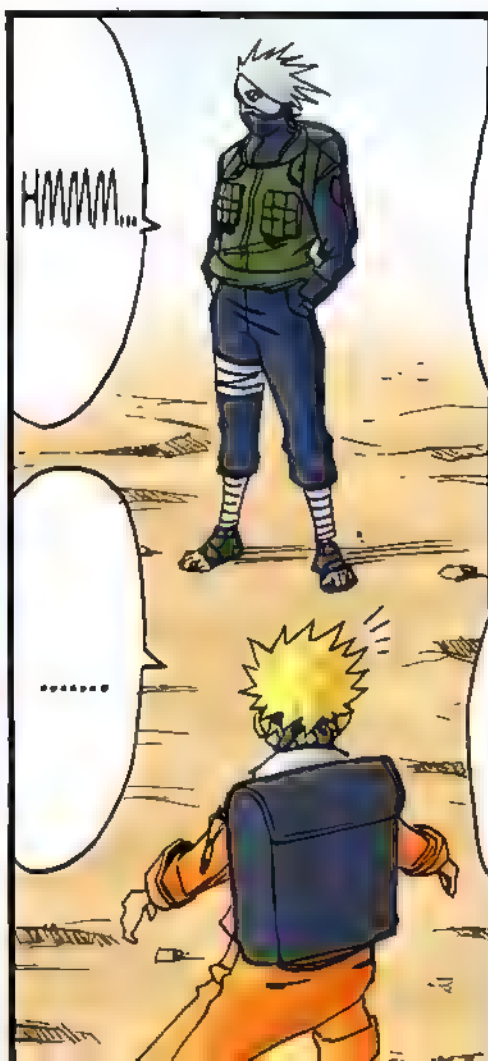
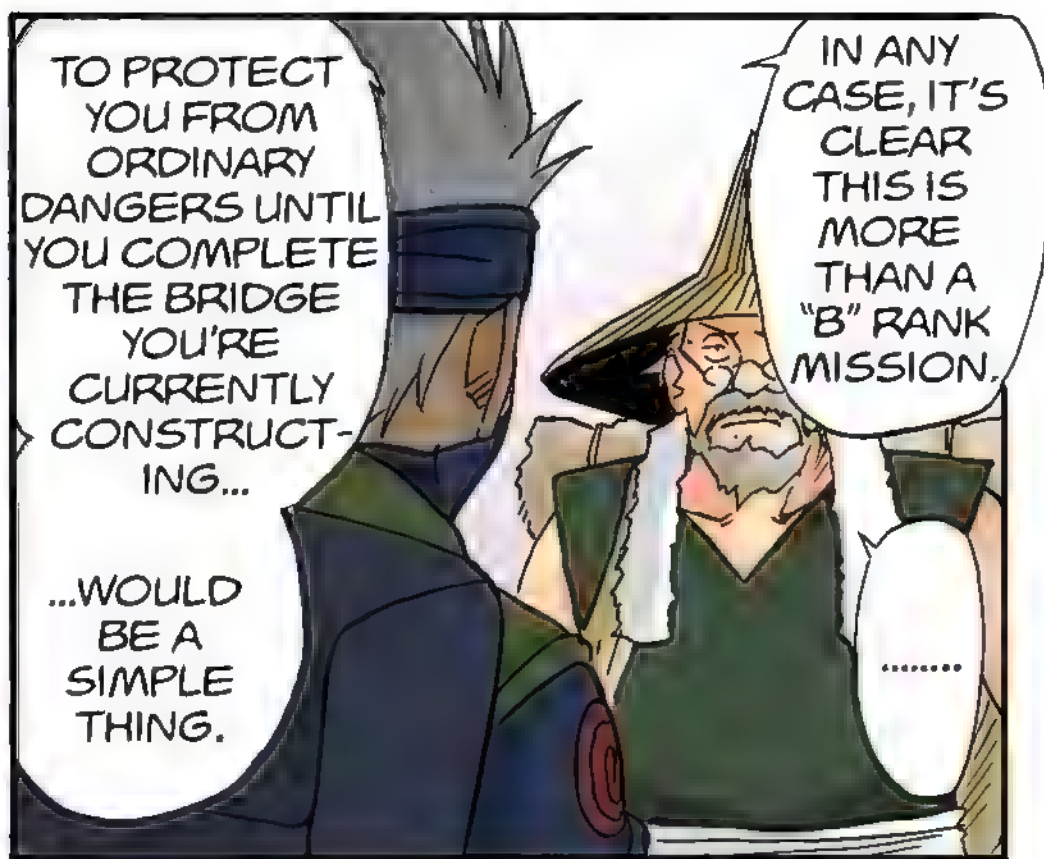
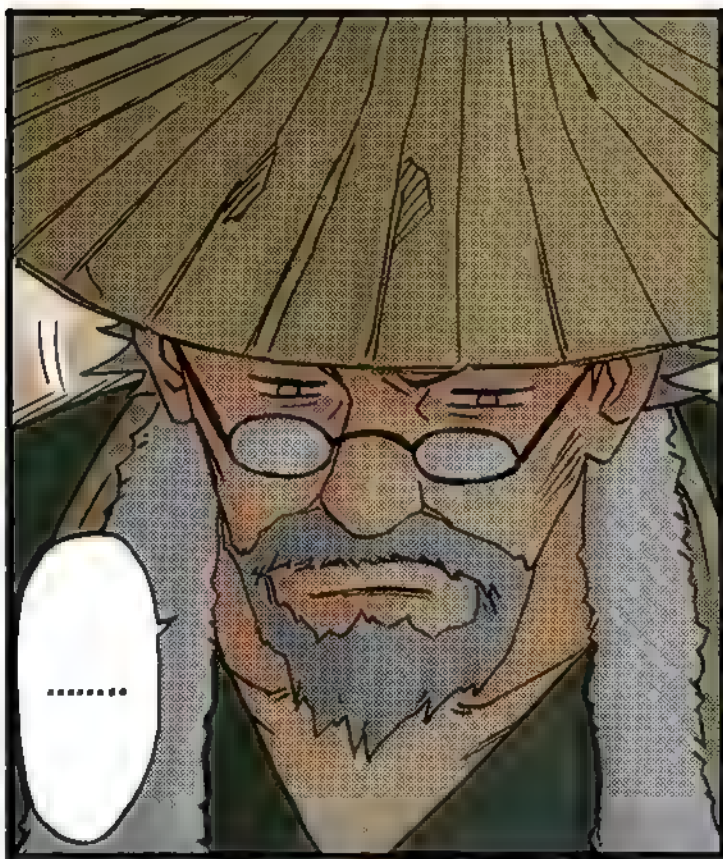


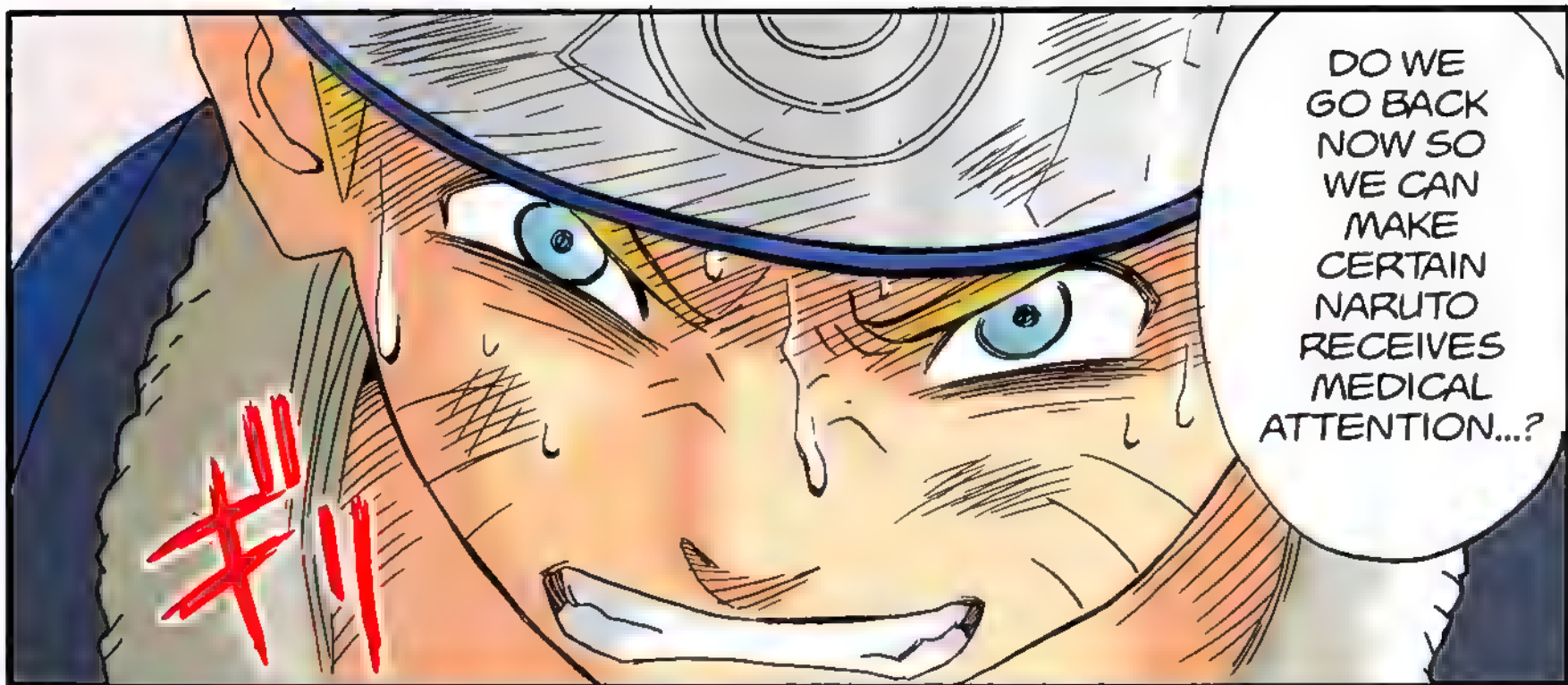




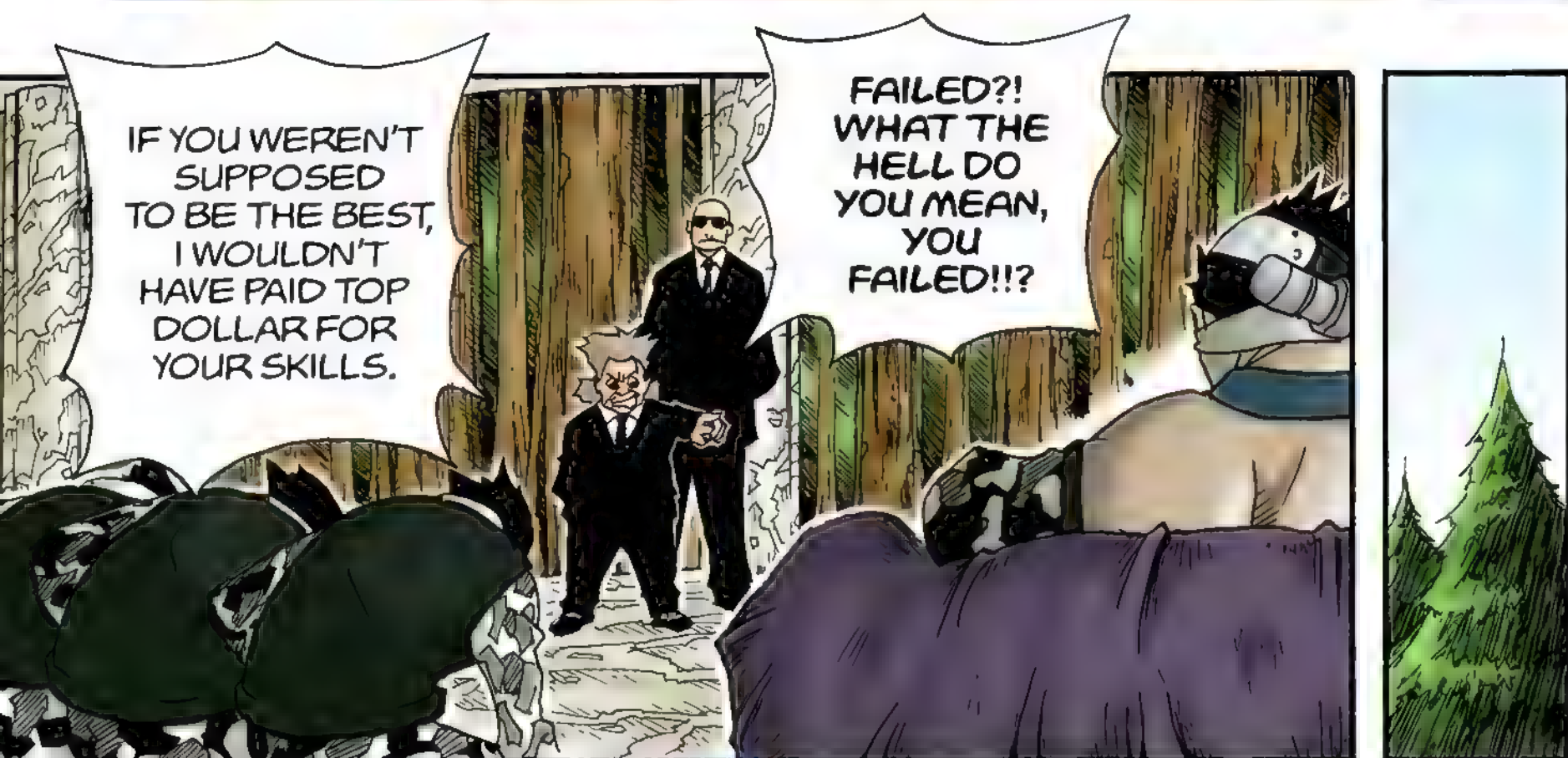






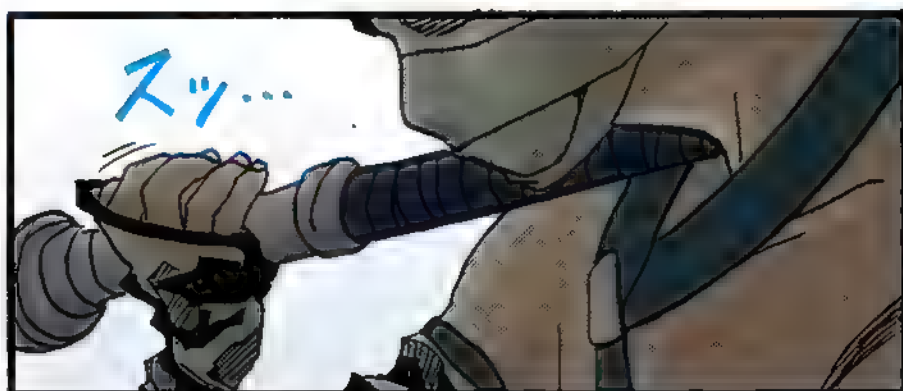


DO WE
GO BACK
NOW SO
WE CAN
MAKE
CERTAIN
NARUTO
RECEIVES
MEDICAL
ATTENTION...?

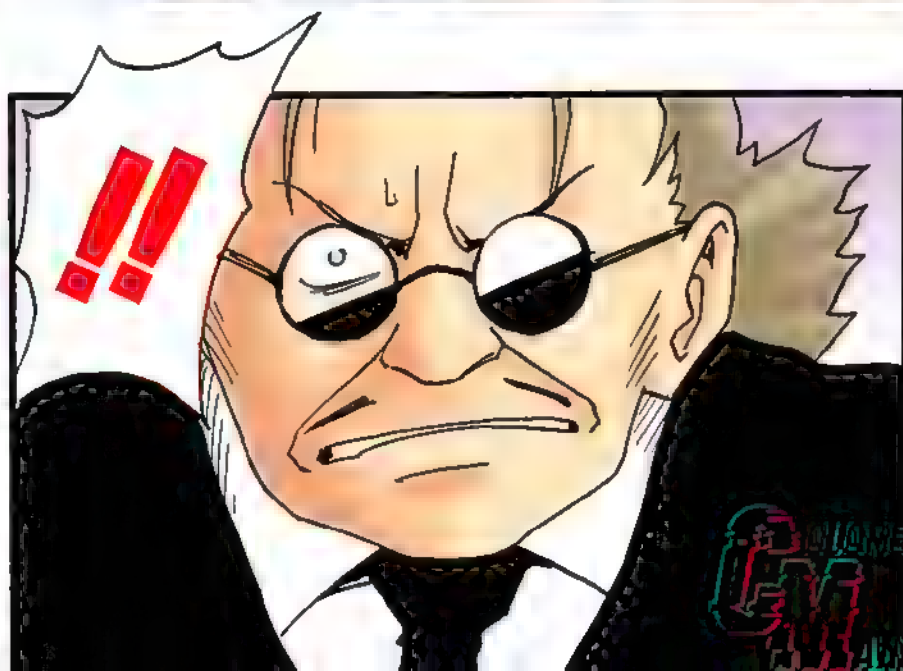


IF YOU WEREN'T
SUPPOSED
TO BE THE BEST,
I WOULDN'T
HAVE PAID TOP
DOLLAR FOR
YOUR SKILLS.

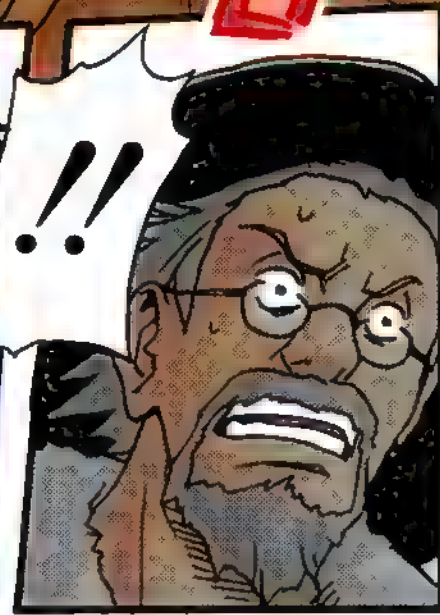
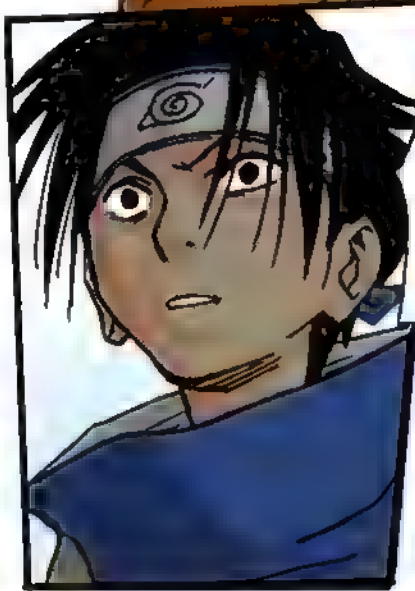
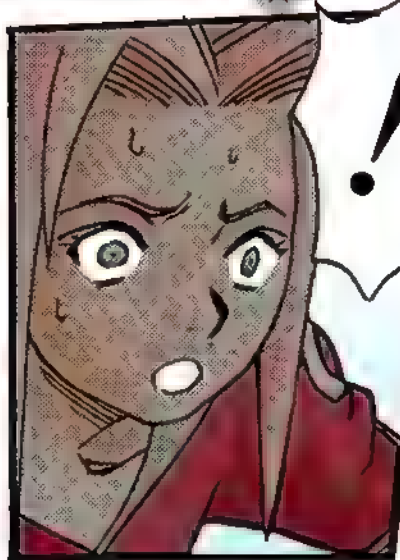
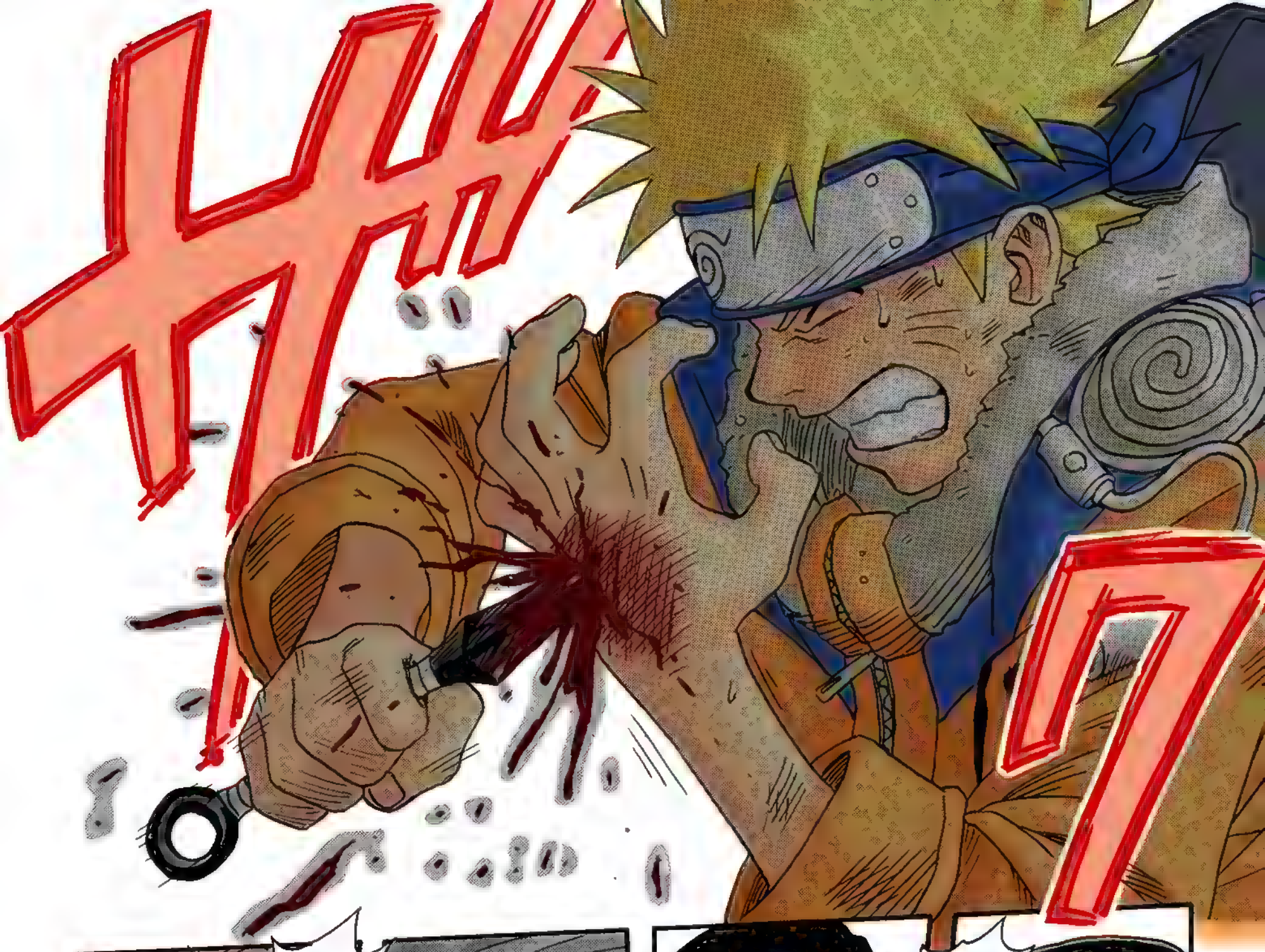
FAILED?!
WHAT THE
HELL DO
YOU MEAN,
YOU
FAILED!!!?



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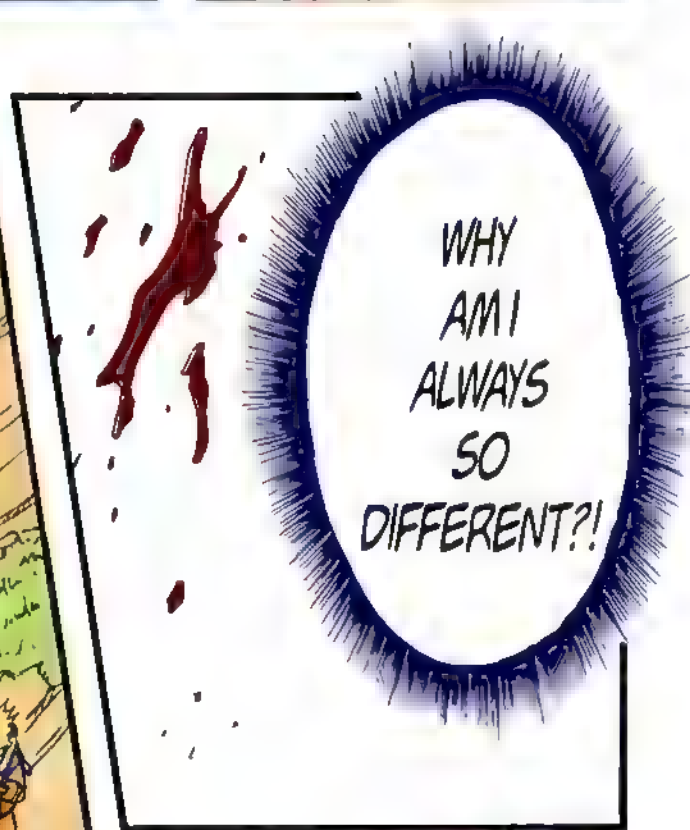


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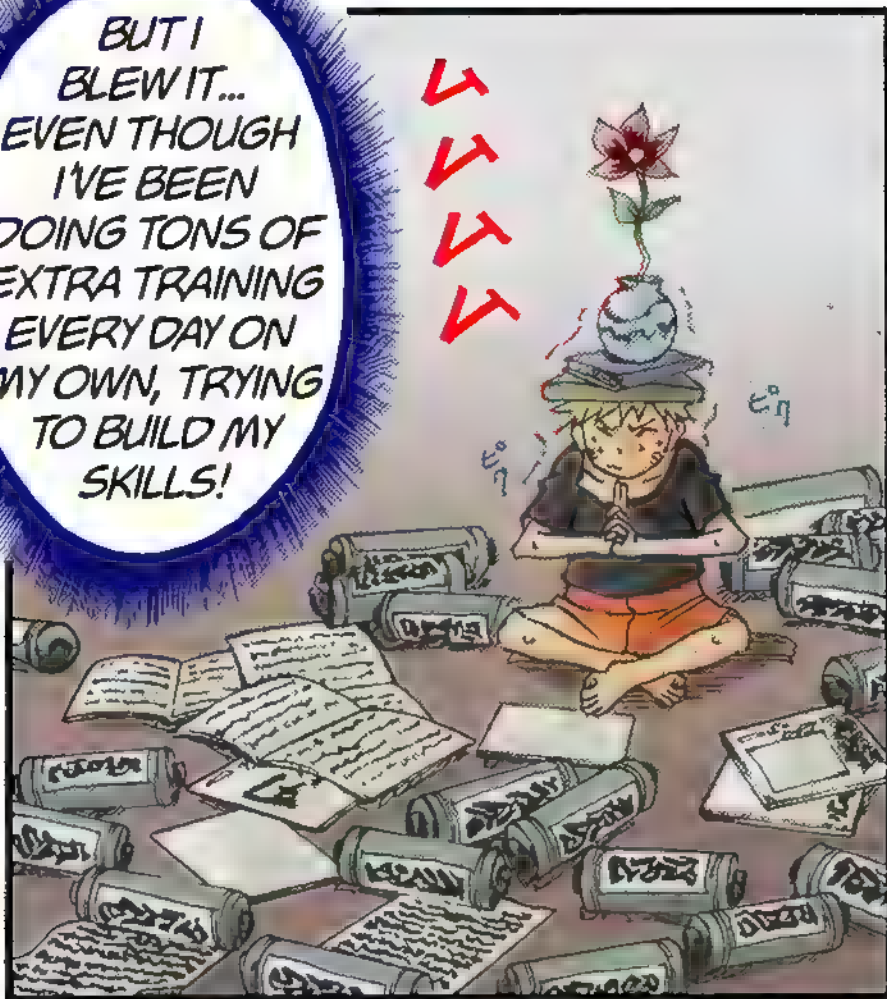
NARUTO,
WHAT
ARE
YOU--?!
NO!!
STOP
THAT!!

I
HATE
NOT
FITTING
IN!!!!

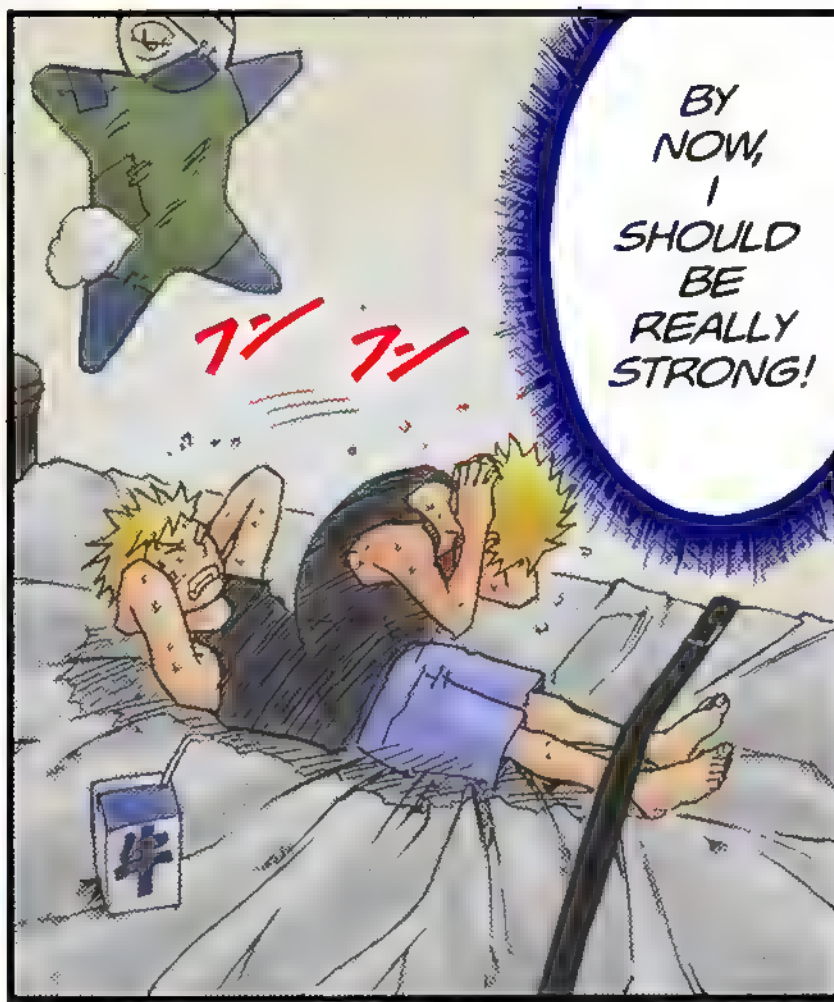


WHY
AM I
ALWAYS
SO
DIFFERENT?!

BUT I BLEW IT...
EVEN THOUGH
I'VE BEEN
DOING TONS OF
EXTRA TRAINING
EVERY DAY ON
MY OWN, TRYING
TO BUILD MY
SKILLS!



BY
NOW,
I
SHOULD
BE
REALLY
STRONG!



I SWEAR IT...
BY THE PAIN
IN MY LEFT
HAND...

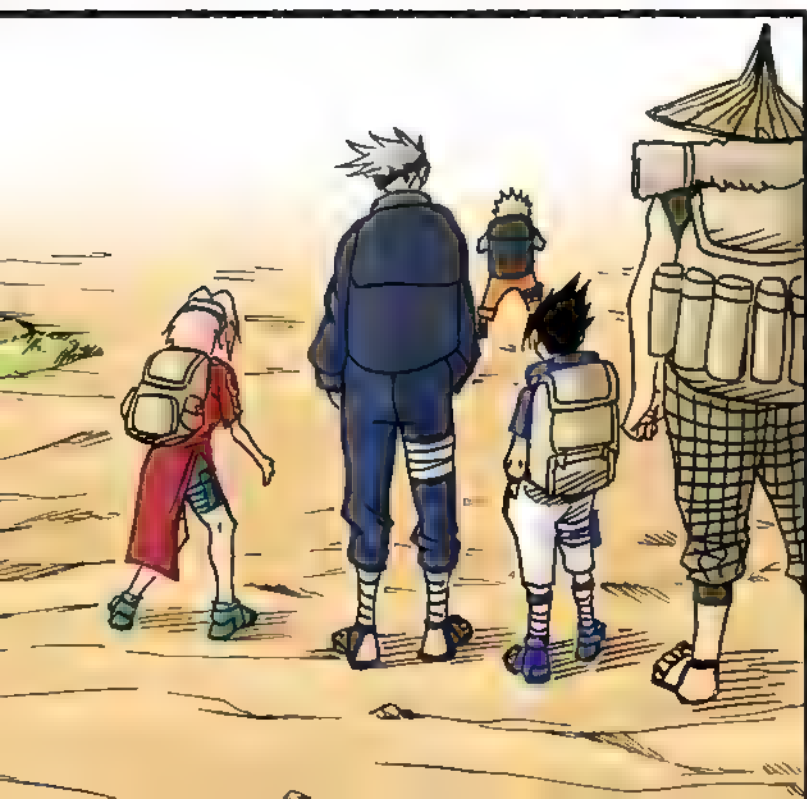


...AND
I'M
NOT
GONNA
BE
OUTDONE
BY
SASUKE!



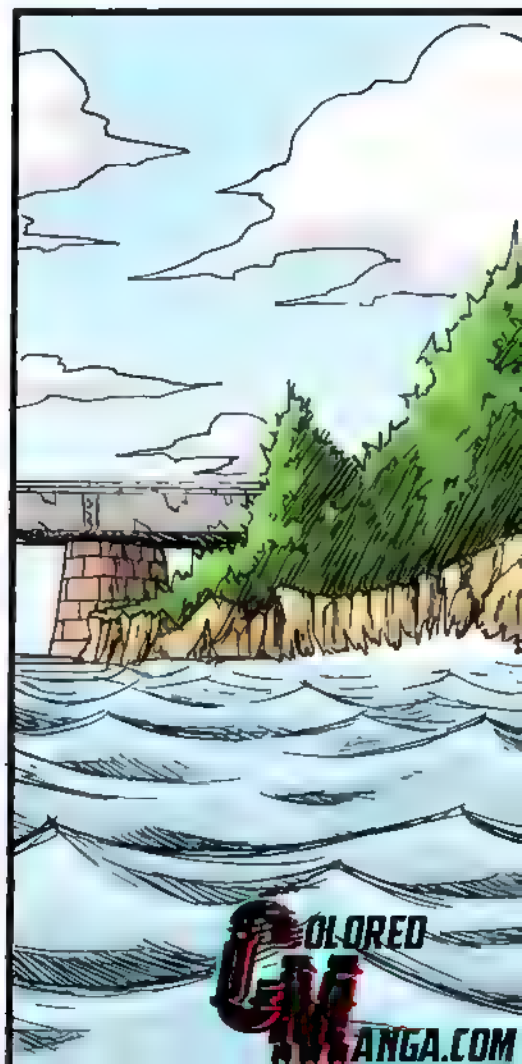
I'M NOT
GOING TO
BE THE
ONE WHO
HANGS
BACK TO
FREEZES
UP...

I SWEAR, NO
ONE'S EVER
GONNA HAVE
TO SAVE MY
LIFE AGAIN...



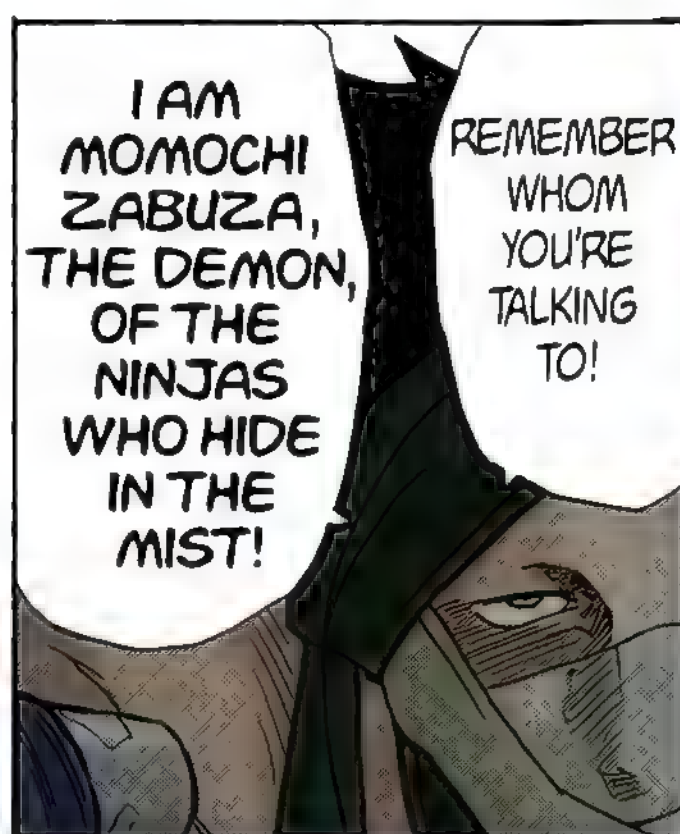
WITH
THIS
KUNAI
KNIFE,
I
PROMISE
YOU, I...





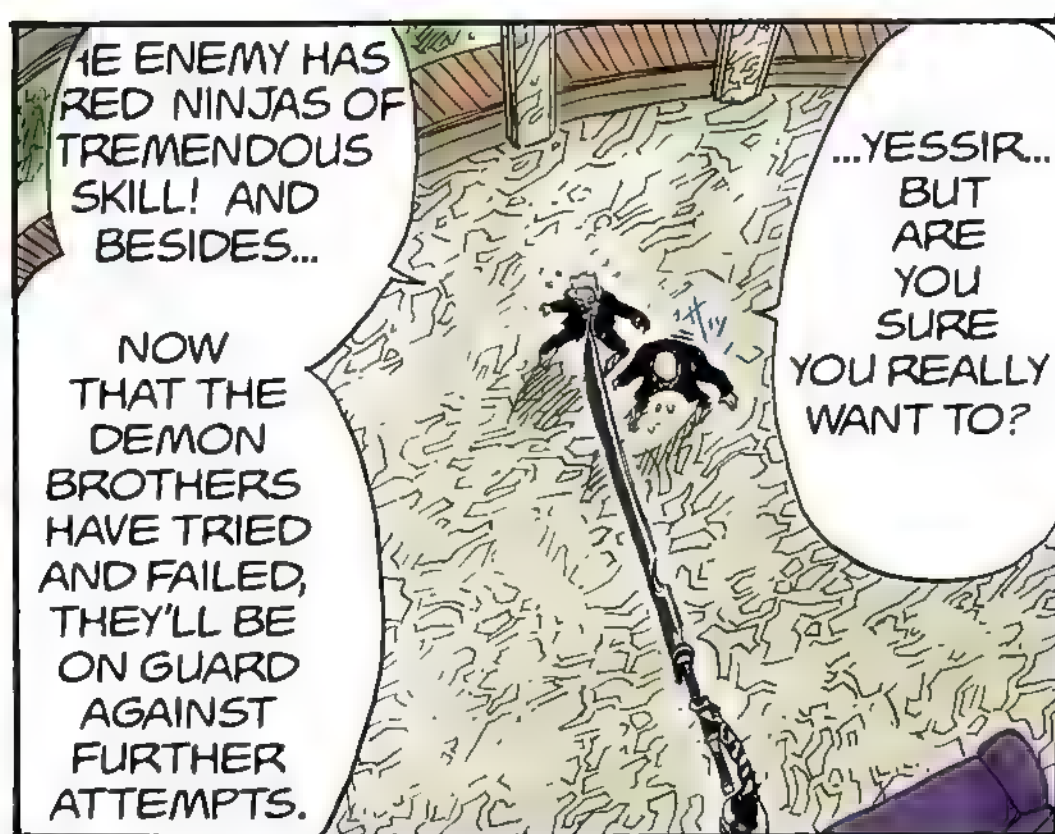


...WILL
TAKE
THE
HIT
BY
MYSELF.



I AM
MOMOCHI
ZABUZA,
THE DEMON,
OF THE
NINJAS
WHO HIDE
IN THE
MIST!

REMEMBER
WHOM
YOU'RE
TALKING
TO!



THE ENEMY HAS
RED NINJAS OF
TREMENDOUS
SKILL! AND
BESIDES...

NOW
THAT THE
DEMON
BROTHERS
HAVE TRIED
AND FAILED,
THEY'LL BE
ON GUARD
AGAINST
FURTHER
ATTEMPTS.

...YESSIR...
BUT
ARE
YOU
SURE
YOU REALLY
WANT TO?

Fan Letters

Closet
(Personal
Space)

Me, Sleeping
in the Closet

Reference
Library
(Full of
Manga)

Piles of
Shonen
Jump

Toilet

Super-
Deluxe
Massage
Machine
(Never
Used)

Garbage
(Hasn't Been
Taken Out)

My Desk

My Dead
Plant,
"Ukki-kun"

Unwashed
Dishes

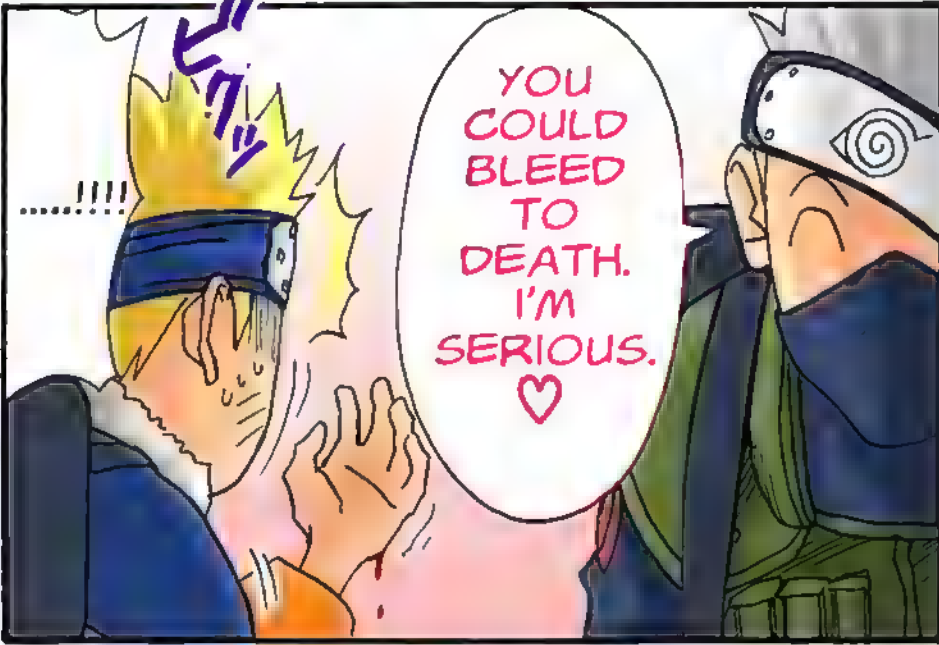




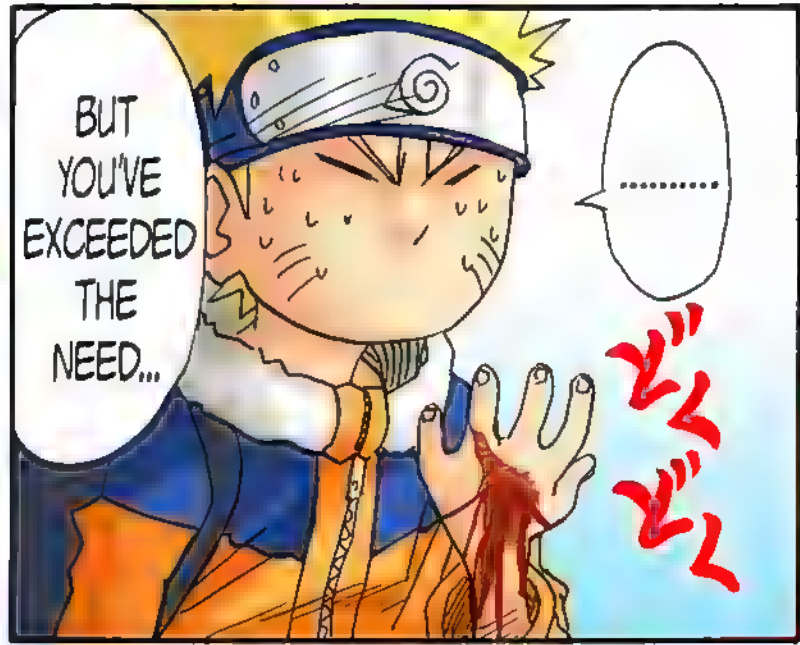
NARUTO,
WE NEEDED
A FREE
FLOW OF
BLOOD TO
CLEAN THE
POISON
FROM YOUR
WOUND...

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11: 上陸...!!

GOING ASHORE...!



YOU
COULD
BLEED
TO
DEATH.
I'M
SERIOUS.
♡



BUT
YOU'VE
EXCEEDED
THE
NEED...



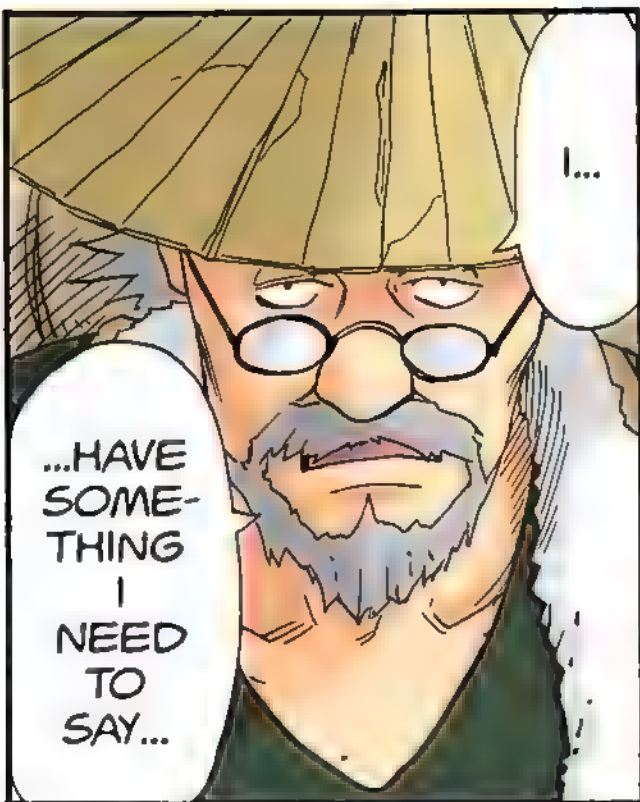
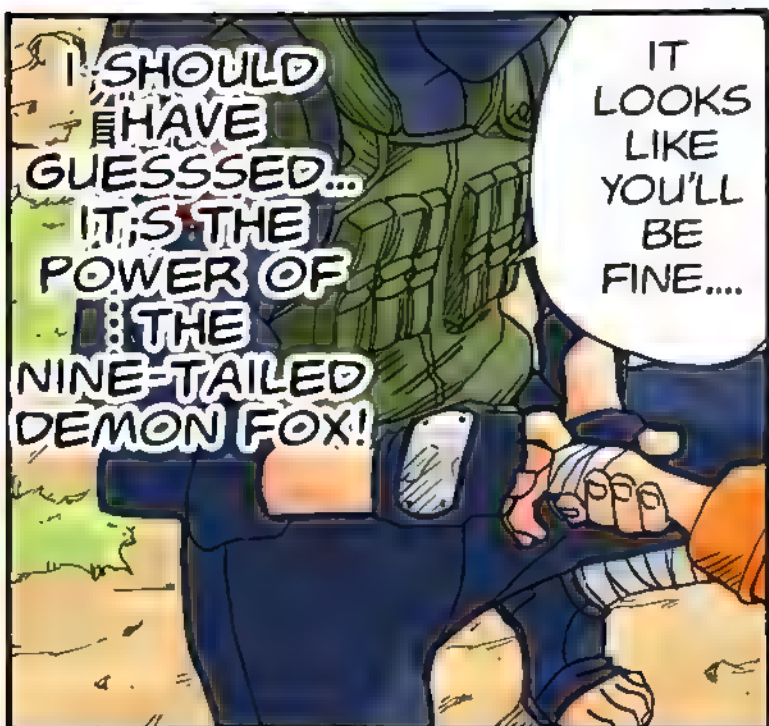
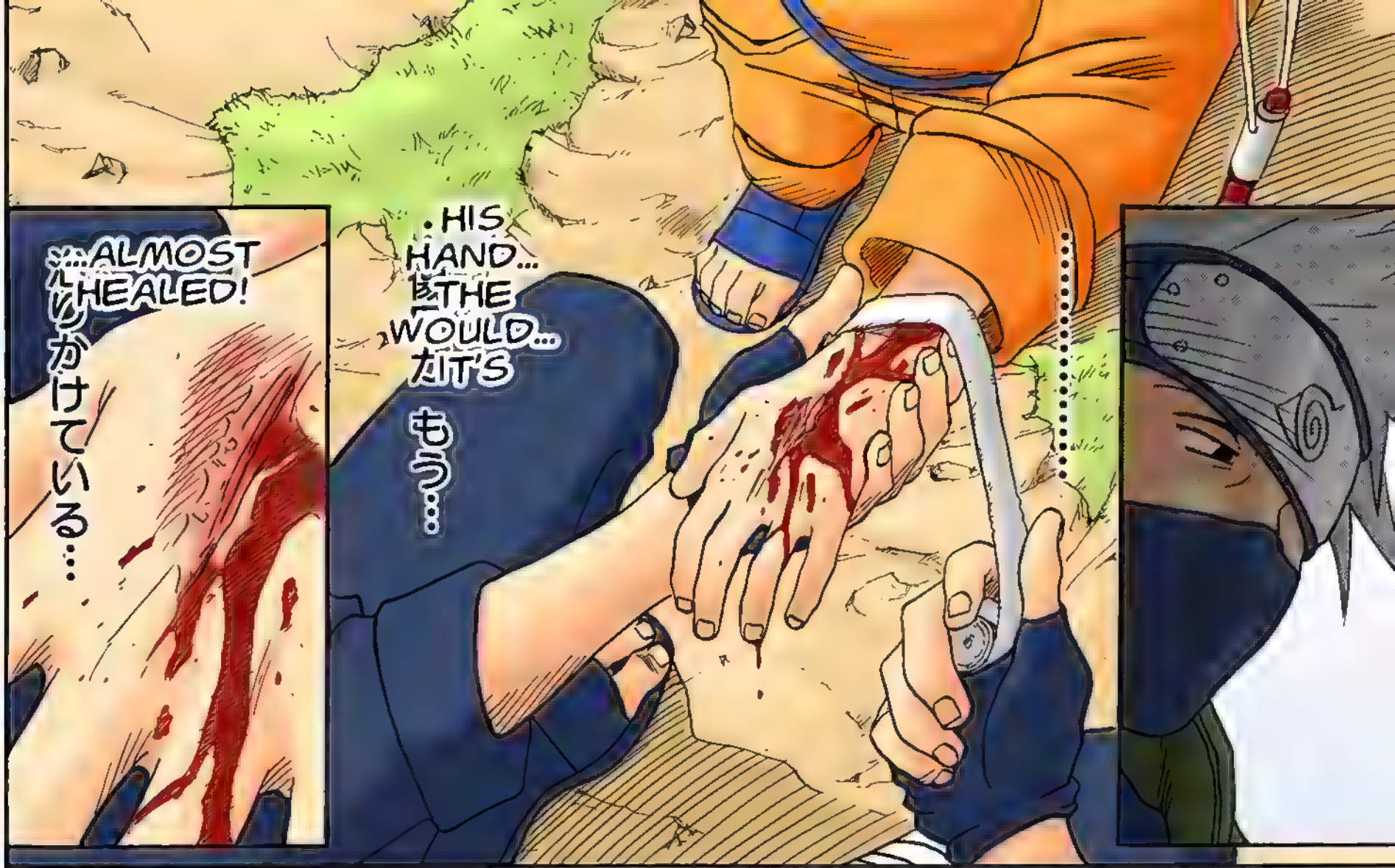
WHAT
ARE YOU,
NARUTO?
SOME
KIND OF
MASO-
CHIST?
DO YOU
GET
OFF
ON
PAIN?

SHOW
ME
YOUR
HAND.

I DON'T
WANNA
DIE!
SAVE ME!!!



NOOO!
NUH-UH!
NO
WAY!
ISN'T
GONNA
HAPPEN!
I'M
NOT
GONNA
DIE
LIKE
THIS!

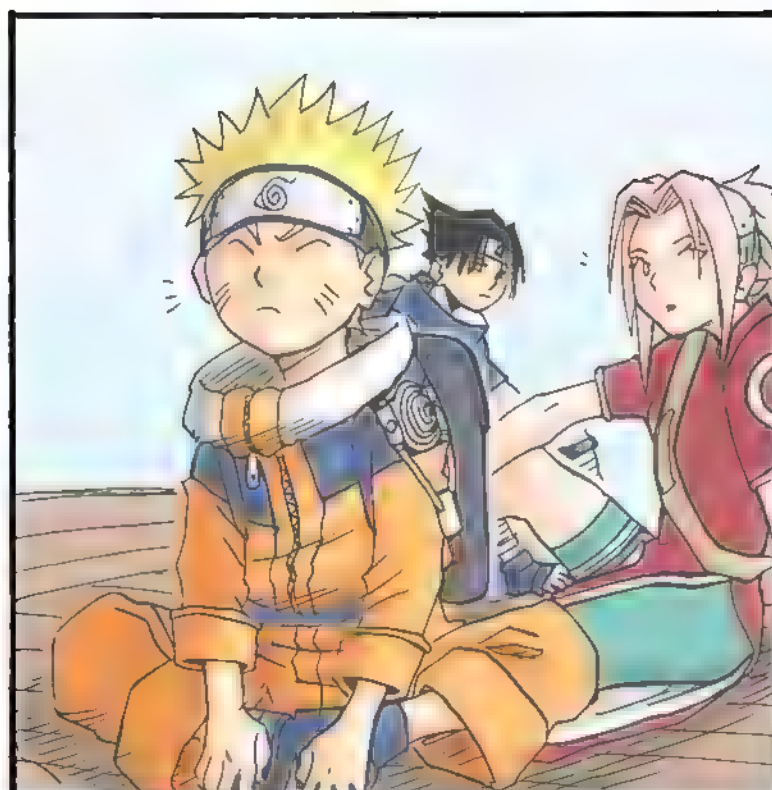
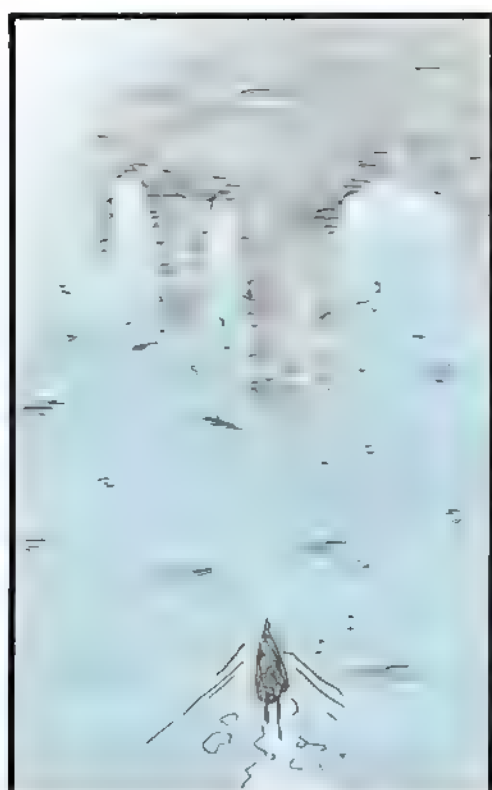
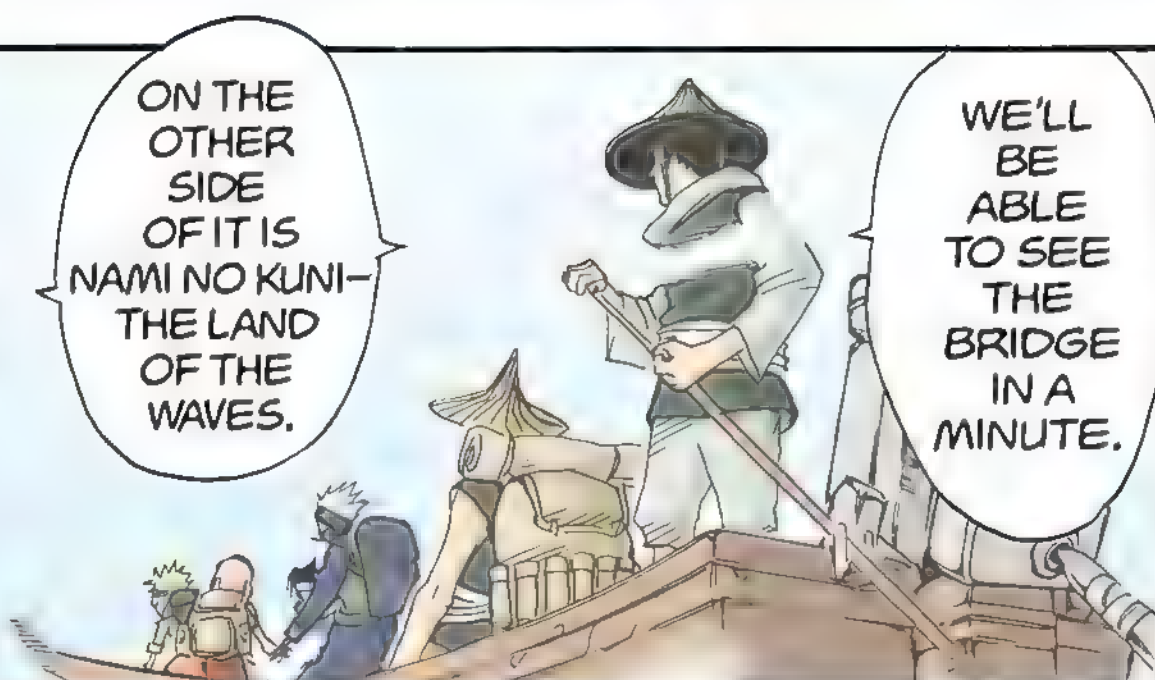
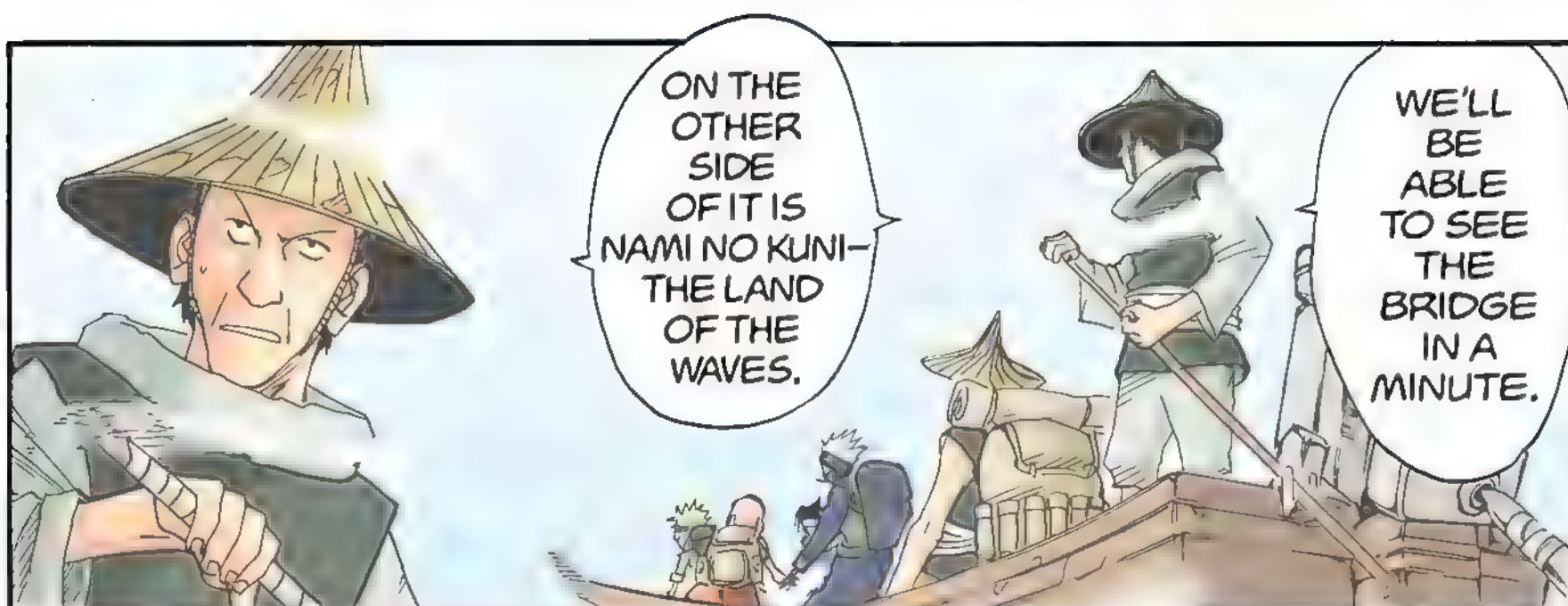


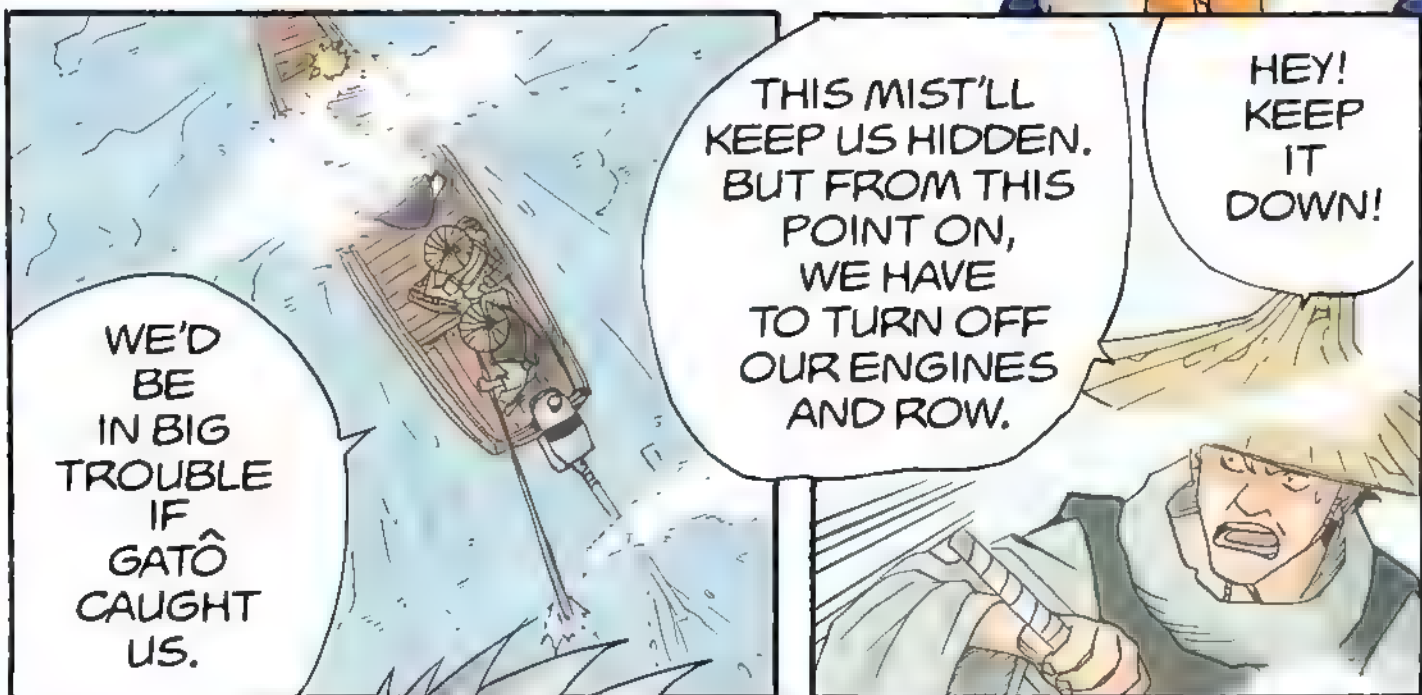
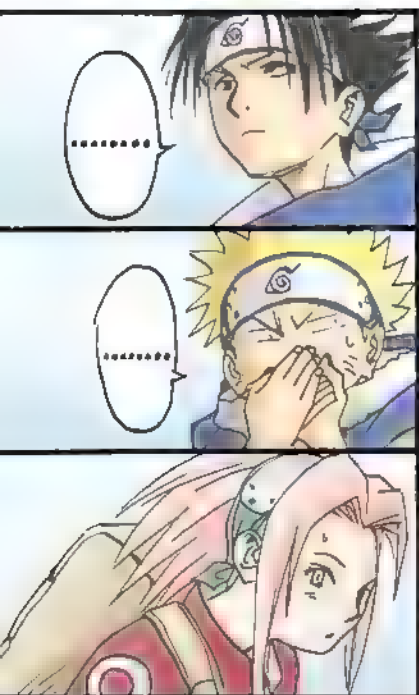
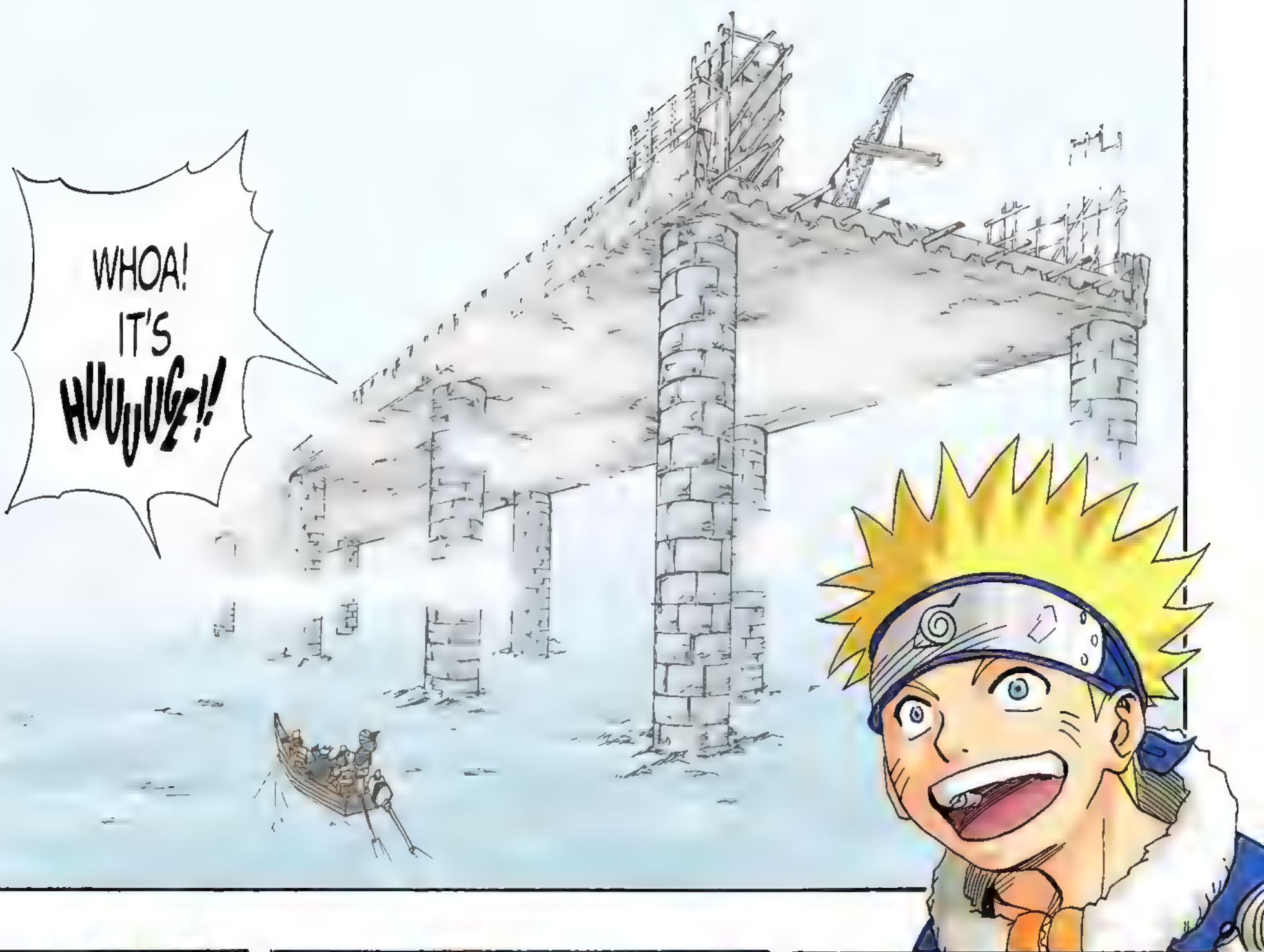
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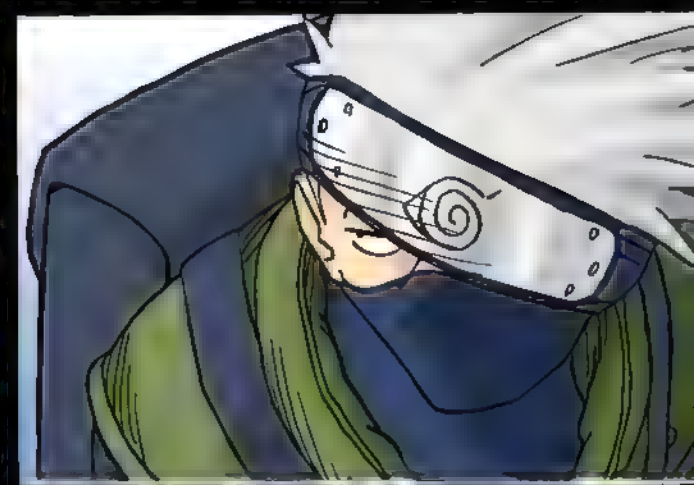
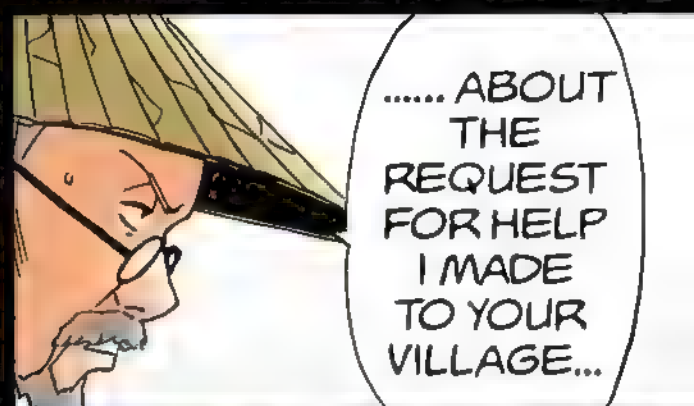
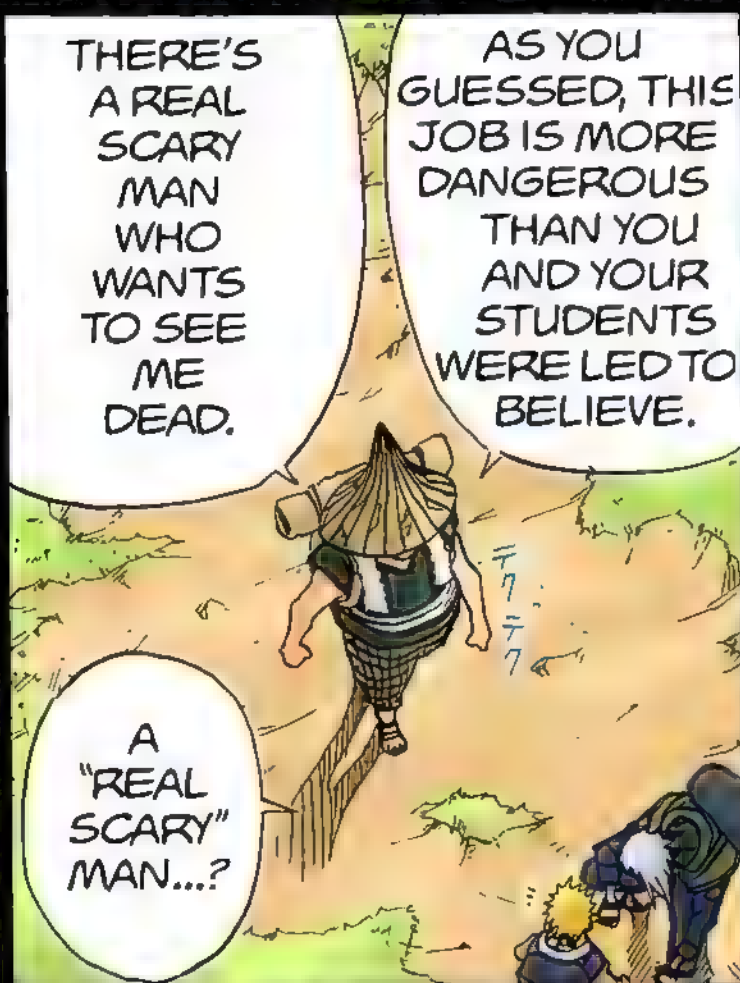
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11: 上陸...!!









HIS
NAME
IS
GATÔ!

HE'S A
BILLIONAIRE
IN THE
FIELD OF
MARINE
TRANSPORT-
ATION.

...OF GATÔ
SHIPPING
AND
TRANSPORT?
THE GATÔ?
THEY SAY
HE'S THE
RICHEST
MAN IN
THE WORLD!!

YOU
MEAN...
GATÔ...

HE STARTS OUT
TAKING OVER
COMPANIES...
AND ENDS
UP RUNNING
ENTIRE
COUNTRIES.

HE
LIVES BY
EVERY
LOW AND
VICIOUS
TRADE
KNOWN
TO MAN.

THAT'S THE ONE.
ON THE SURFACE,
HE LOOKS LIKE A
LEGITIMATE
BUSINESSMAN.
THE TRUTH IS
HE'S A RUTHLESS,
MURDERING
CRIMINAL WHO
EMPLOYS GANGS
AND TEAMS OF
SHINOBI, AND
TRAFFICS IN
DRUGS AND
CONTRABAND.

THE ONLY THING HE HAS TO FEAR IS THAT WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERWAY FOR SOME TIME... THE COMPLETION OF THAT BRIDGE!

GATÔ NOW HAS A STRANGLEHOLD ON ALL FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION, THE LIFEBLOOD OF AN ISLAND NATION, AND A STRANGLEHOLD ON ALL THE WEALTH...

HE CAME UNDER THE GUISE OF A BUSINESS VENTURE. THEN THE VIOLENCE BEGAN, AND IN NO TIME AT ALL, HE'D TAKE OVER OUR ENTIRE MARINE TRANSPORTATION AND SHIPPING INDUSTRY, AND WE WERE ALL UNDER HIS THUMB!

IT WAS JUST ONE YEAR AGO... THAT HE SET HIS SIGHTS ON THE LAND OF THE WAVES...

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NARUTO IS DOING HIS BEST TO KEEP UP.

THAT MEANS...

THAT THE NINJA WHO ATTACKED US WERE WORKING FOR GATÔ.

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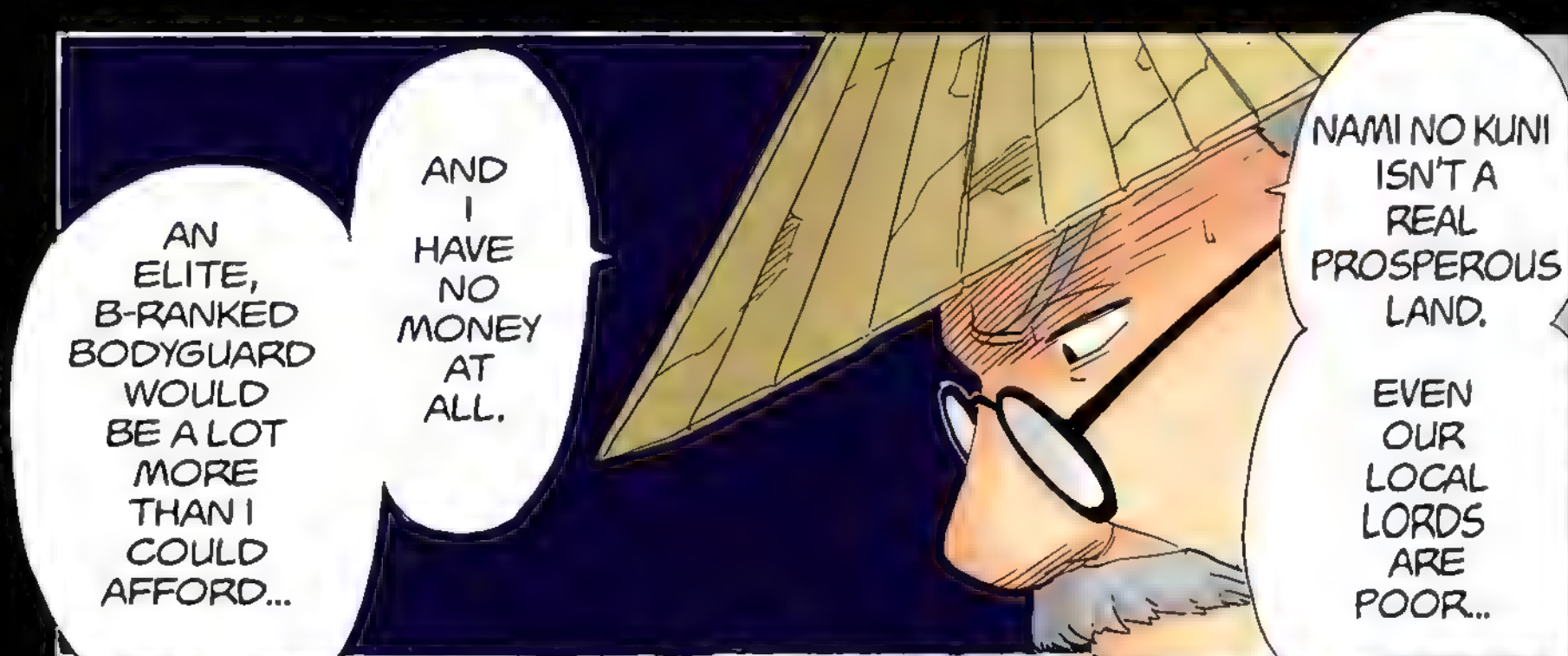
...YOU, MR. TAZUNA, ARE VERY MUCH IN HIS WAY.

I... SEE... AND AS THE ARCHITECT OF THE BRIDGE AND OVERSEER OF ITS CONSTRUCTION...

BUT... I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND... IF YOU KNEW YOU WERE THE TARGET OF A RUTHLESS THUG WITH NINJA AT HIS DISPOSAL...

...WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US WHEN YOU ASKED FOR OUR HELP?

.....



AN
ELITE,
B-RANKED
BODYGUARD
WOULD
BE A LOT
MORE
THAN I
COULD
AFFORD...

AND
I
HAVE
NO
MONEY
AT
ALL.

NAMI NO KUNI
ISN'T A
REAL
PROSPEROUS
LAND.

EVEN
OUR
LOCAL
LORDS
ARE
POOR...

YOU WON'T
BE THERE
TO SEE MY
DAUGHTER
AND TEN-
YEAR-OLD
GRAND-
SON CRY
ALL DAY
LIKE THEIR
HEARTS
ARE
BREAKING!

BUT
OH WELL!
THAT'S NOT
YOUR
CONCERN!

THEN
I'M
AS
GOOD
AS
DEAD.

BUT IF
YOU ALL
TURN
AWAY
FROM
ME
NOW...

BUT...

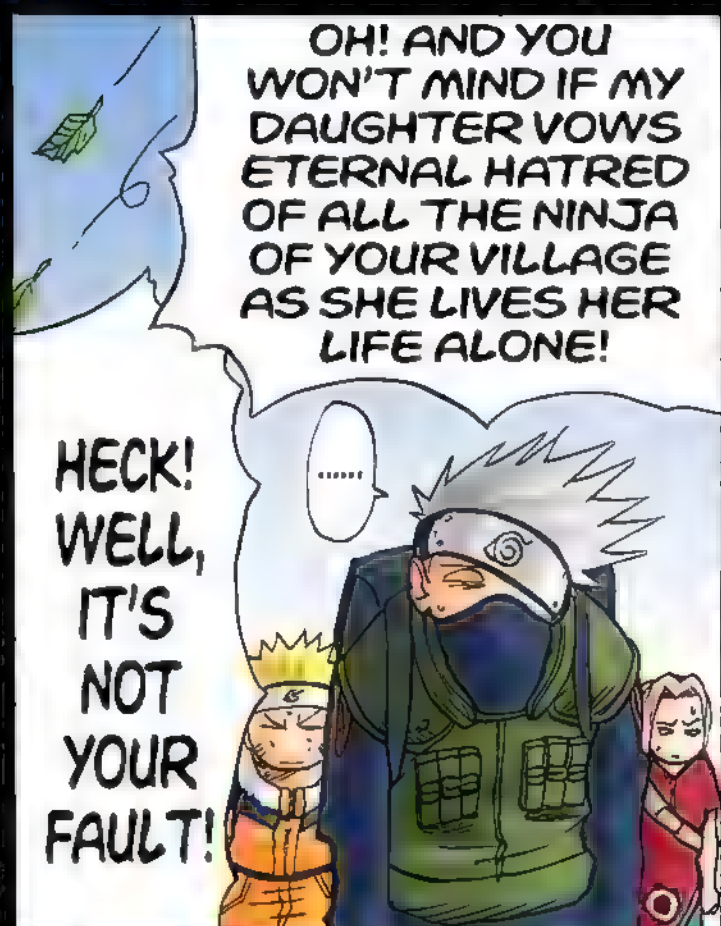


THIS IS
THE WORST
MISSION-
FOR-HIRE OF
ALL TIME!

DOTCHA!

WELL...
I SUPPOSE
IT CAN'T
BE
HELPED.

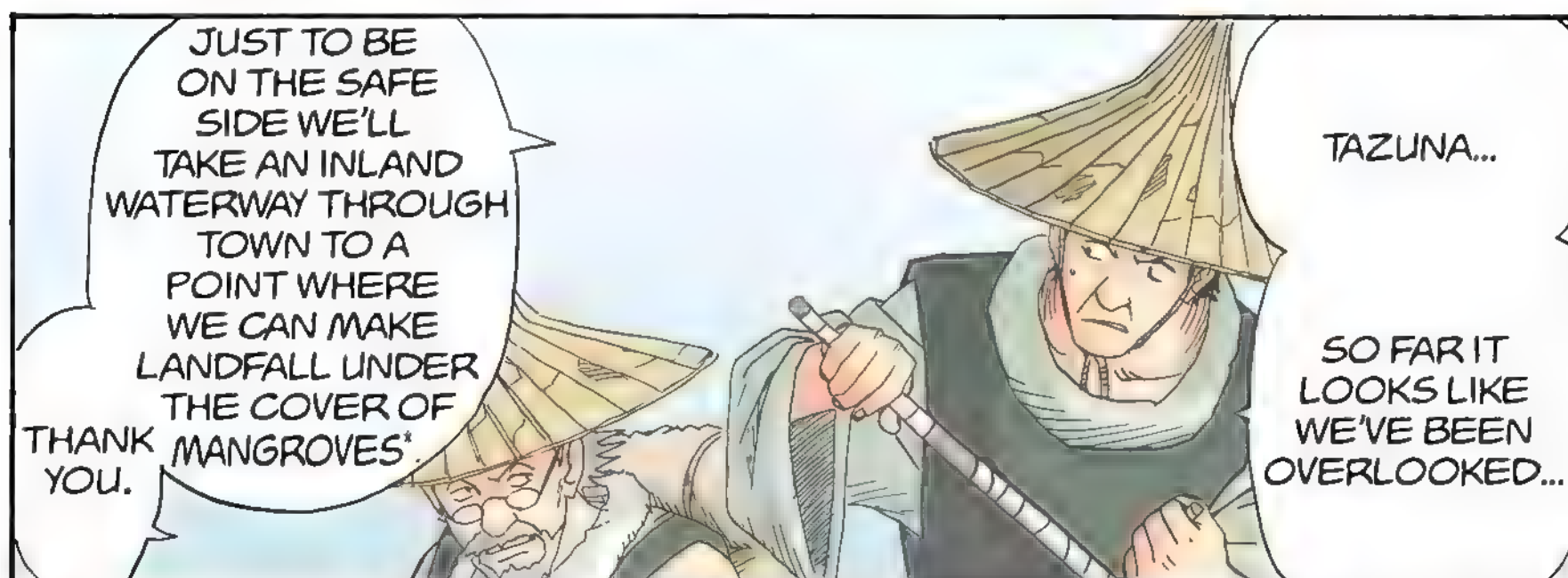
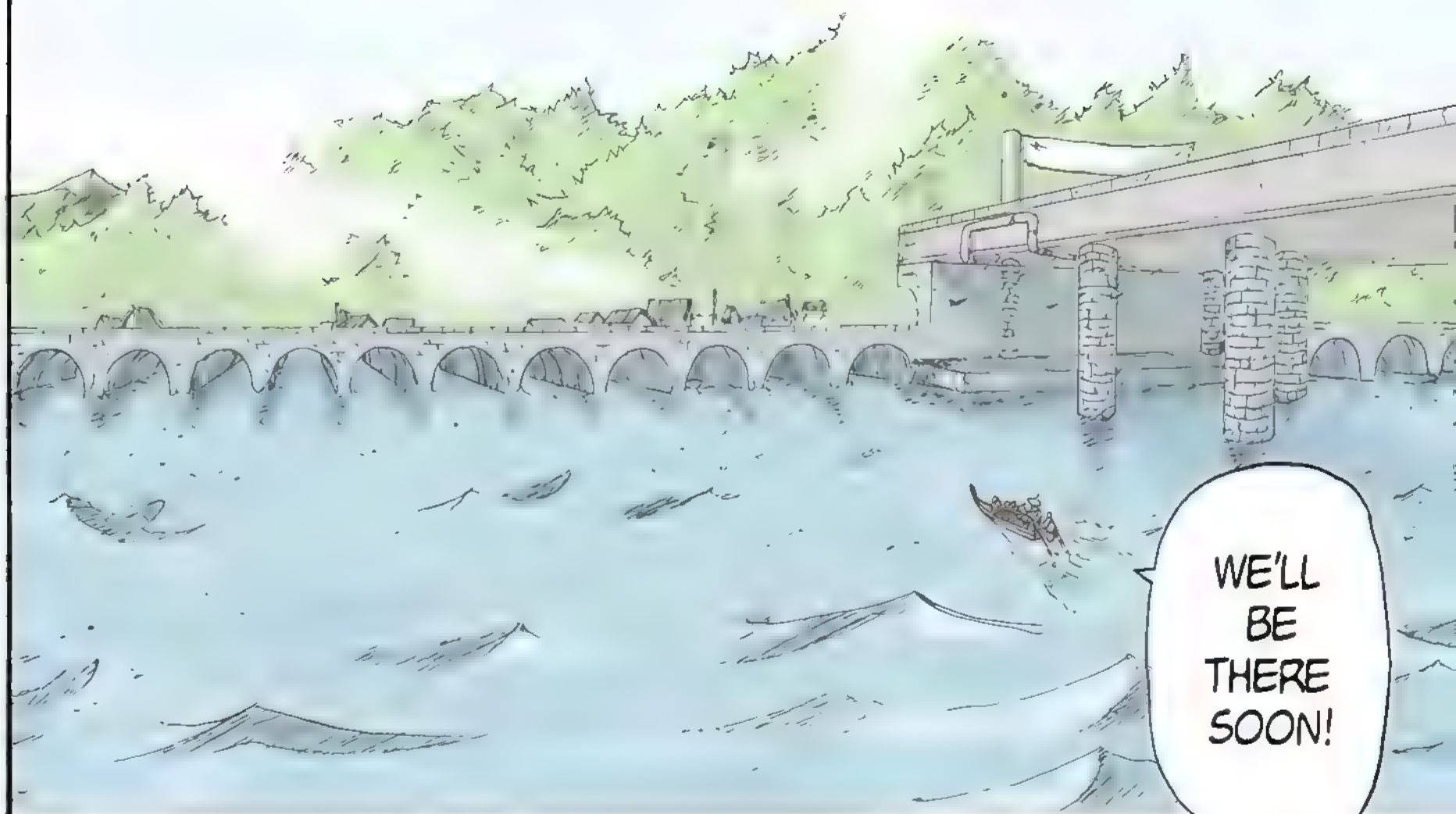
WE'LL
CONTINUE
TO PROTECT
YOU,
AT LEAST
UNTIL YOU
RETURN TO
YOUR
COUNTRY!



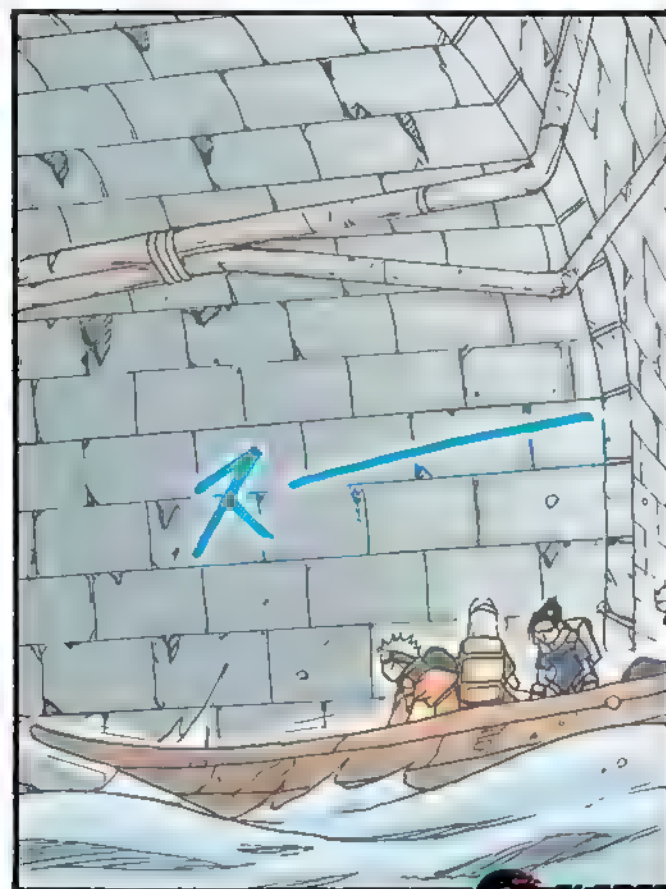
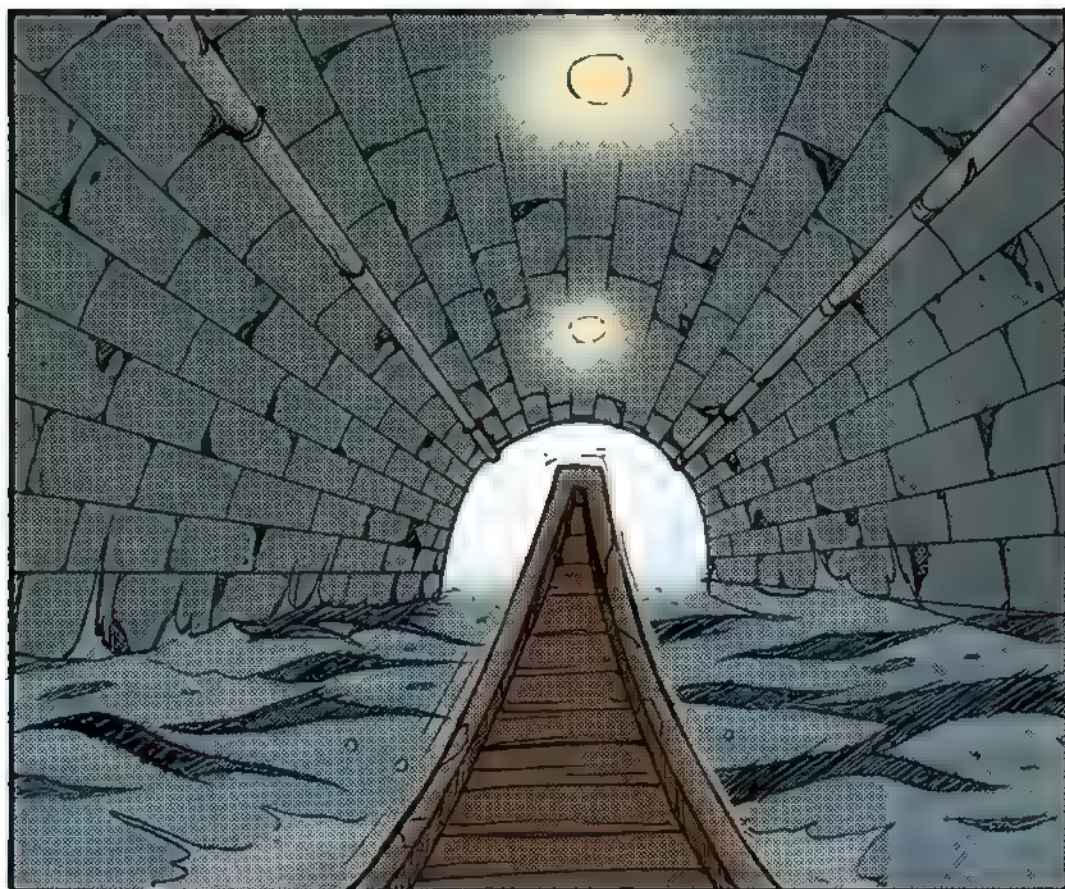
OH! AND YOU
WON'T MIND IF MY
DAUGHTER VOWS
ETERNAL HATRED
OF ALL THE NINJA
OF YOUR VILLAGE
AS SHE LIVES HER
LIFE ALONE!

HECK!
WELL,
IT'S
NOT
YOUR
FAULT!

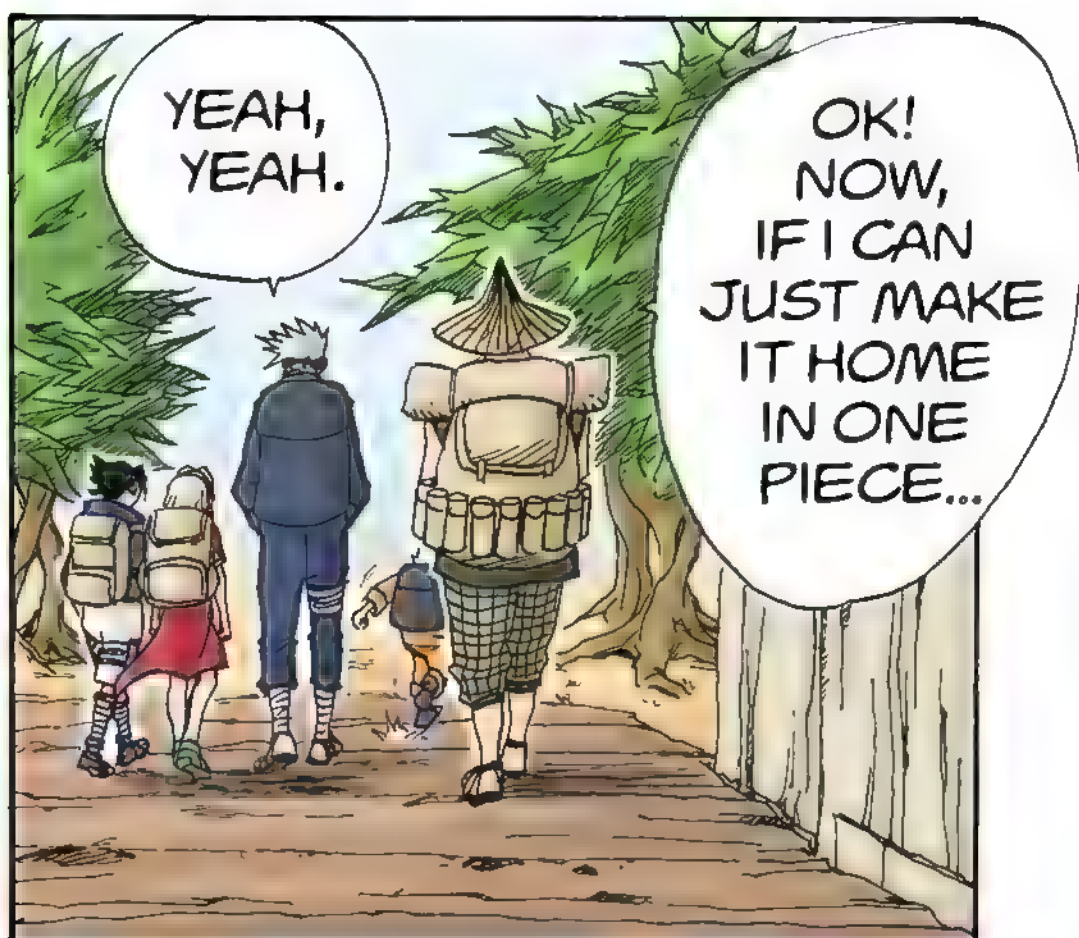
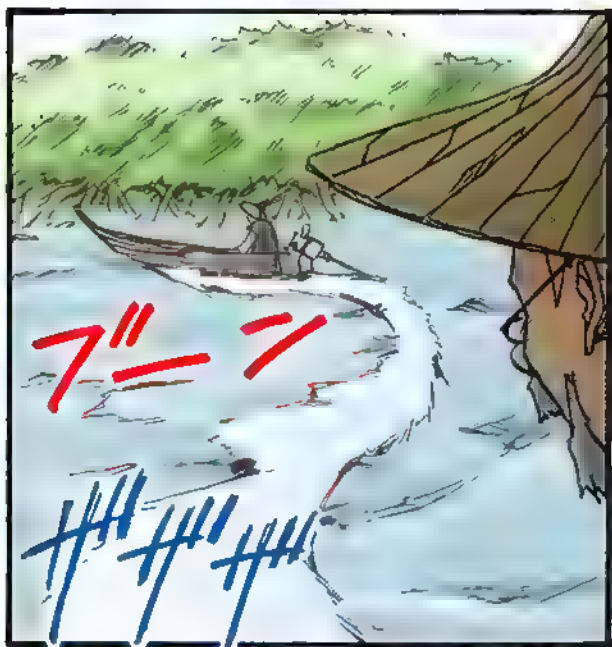
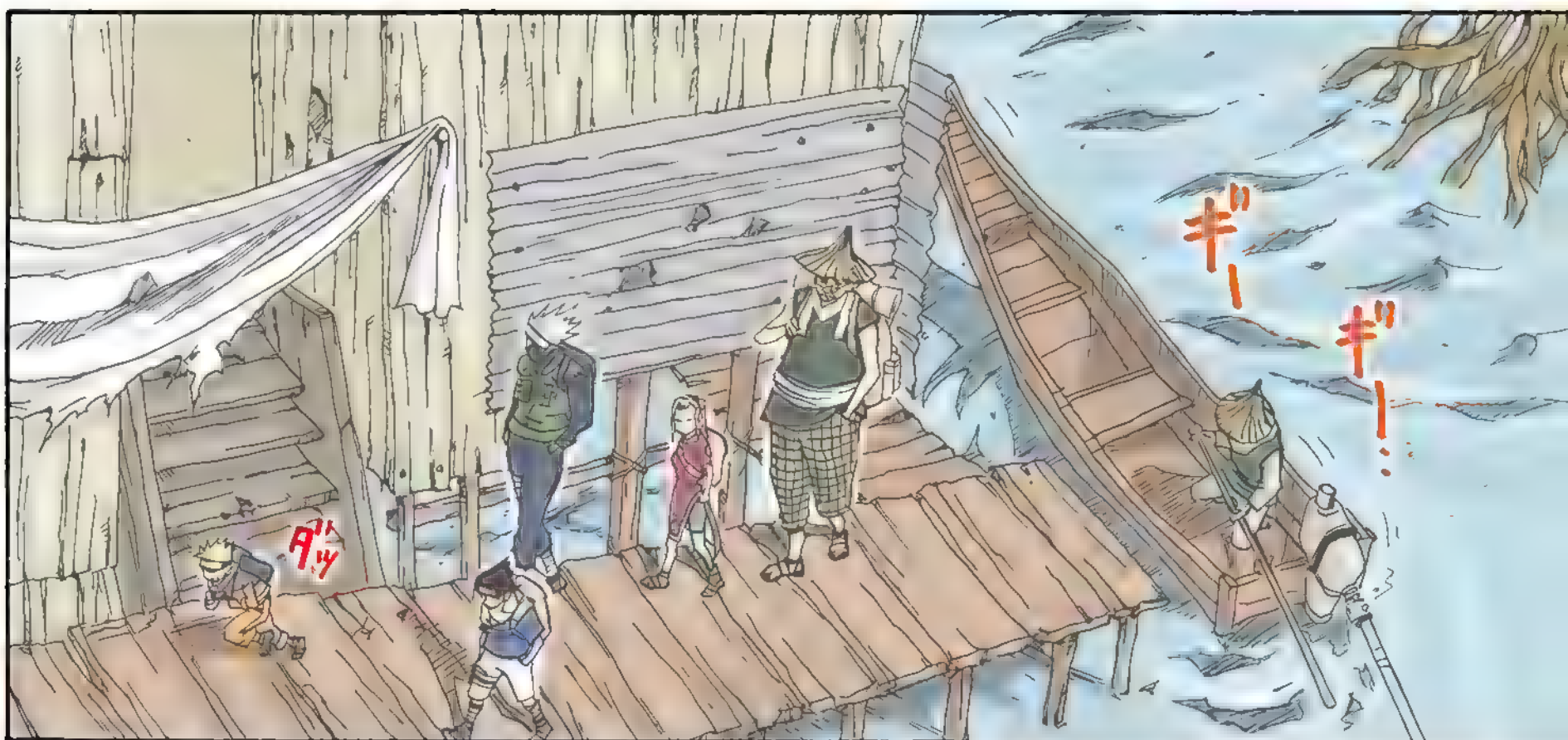
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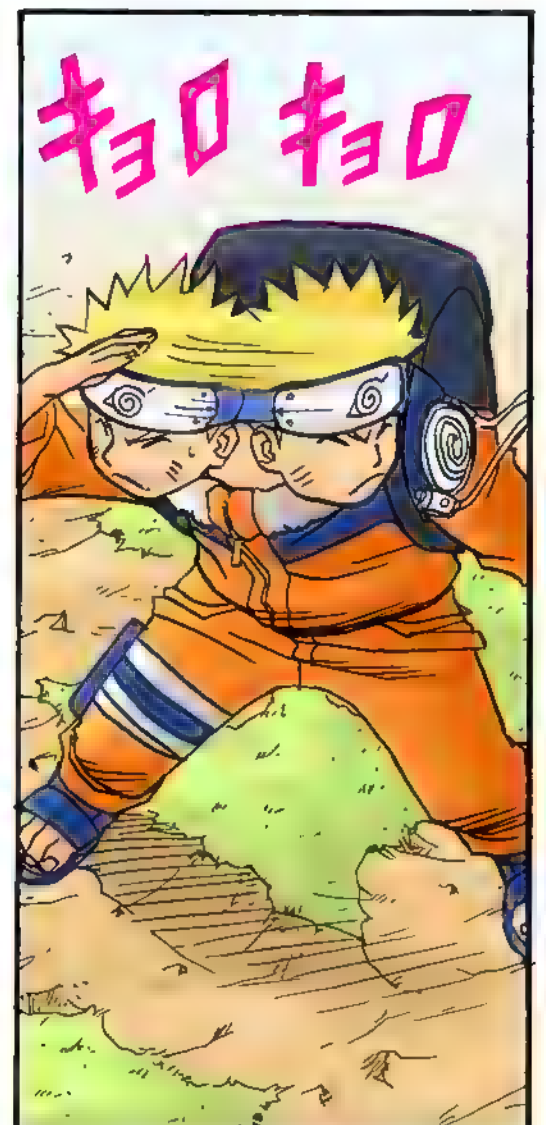


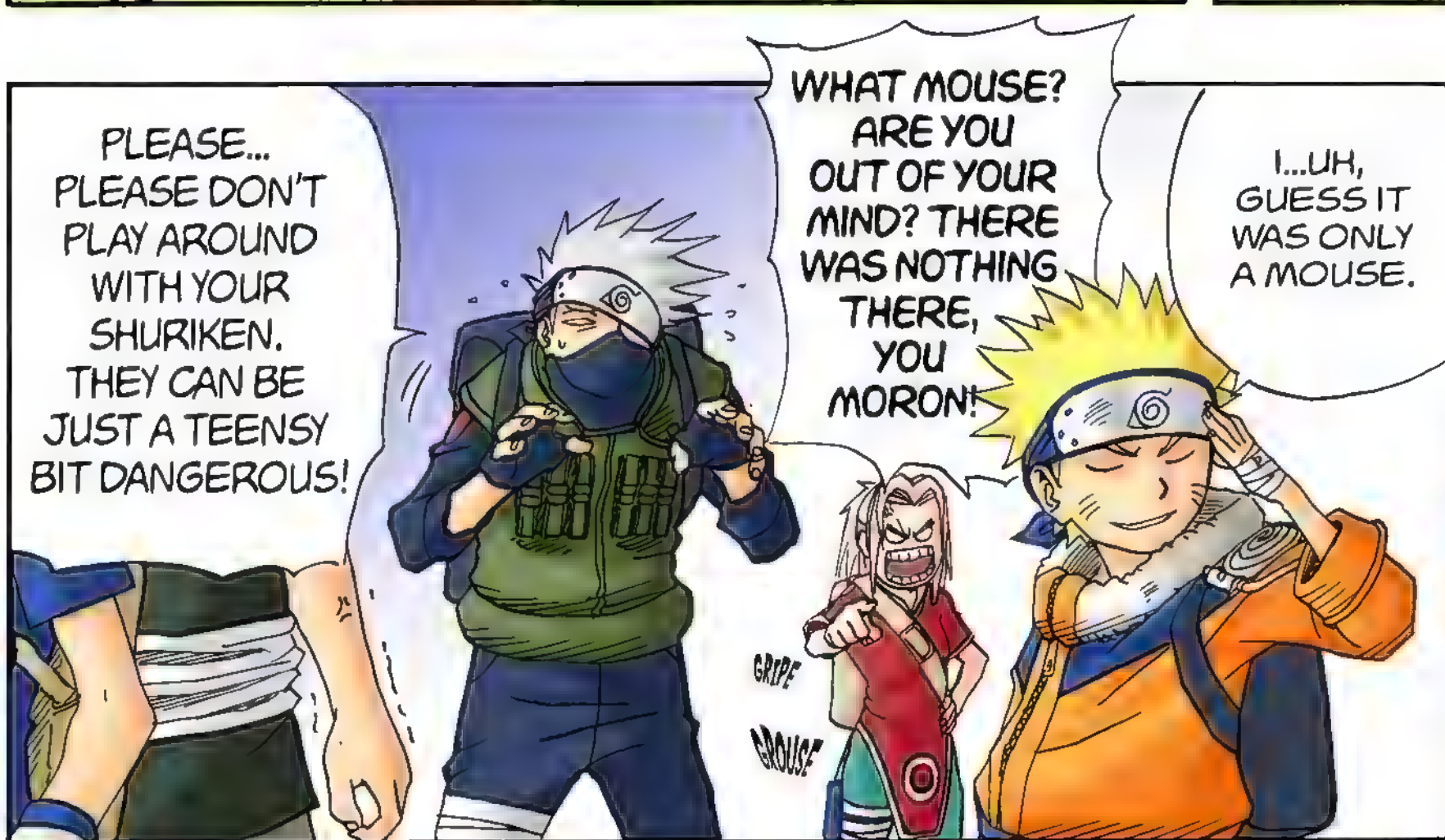
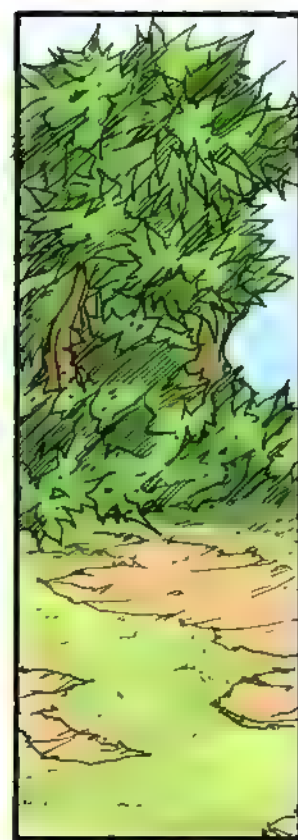
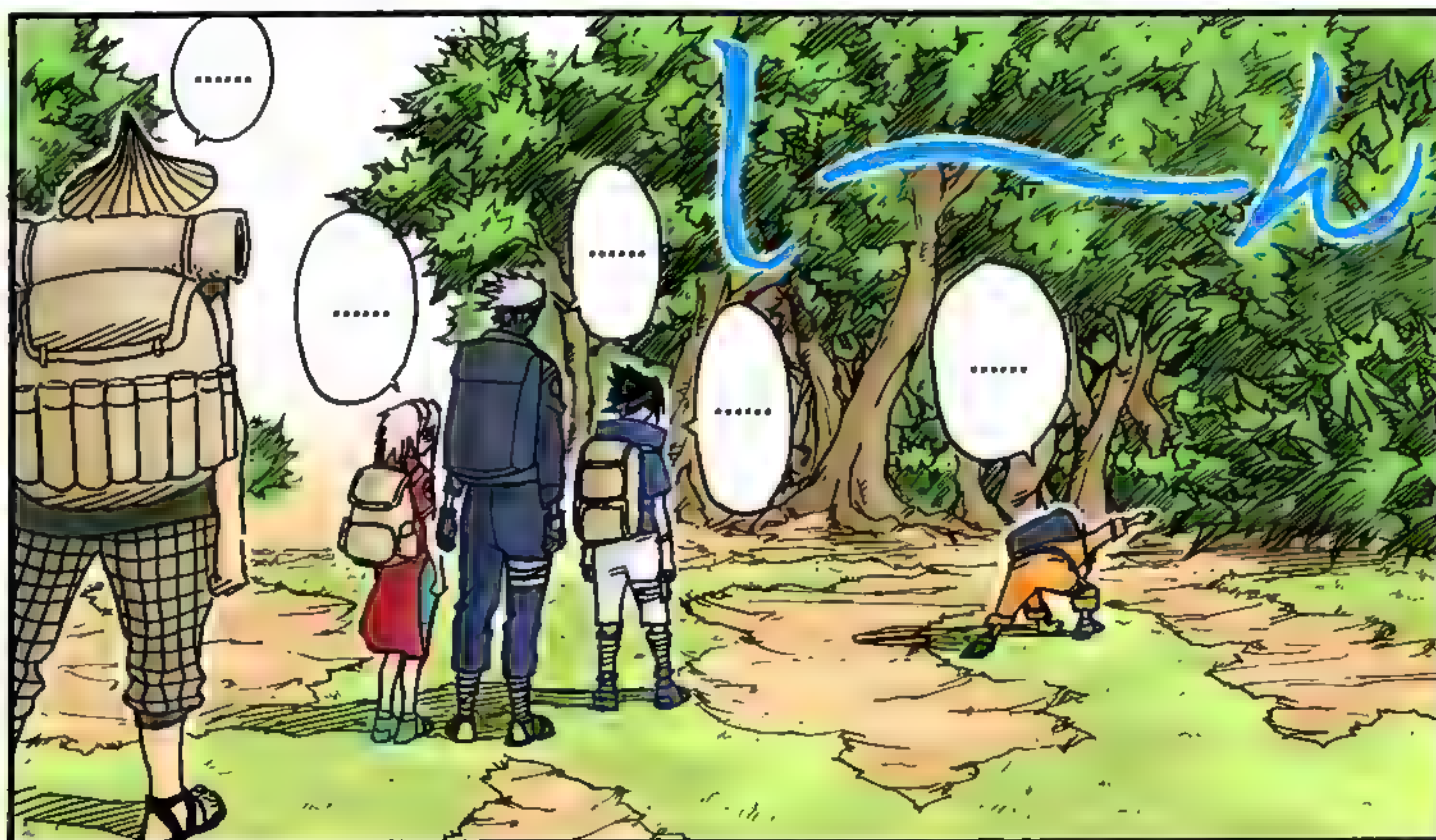
*TROPICAL EVERGREENS THAT GROW ALONG THE SHORELINES AND RIVER BANKS AND LOOK LIKE FLOATING FORESTS WHEN THE TIDE IS HIGH.

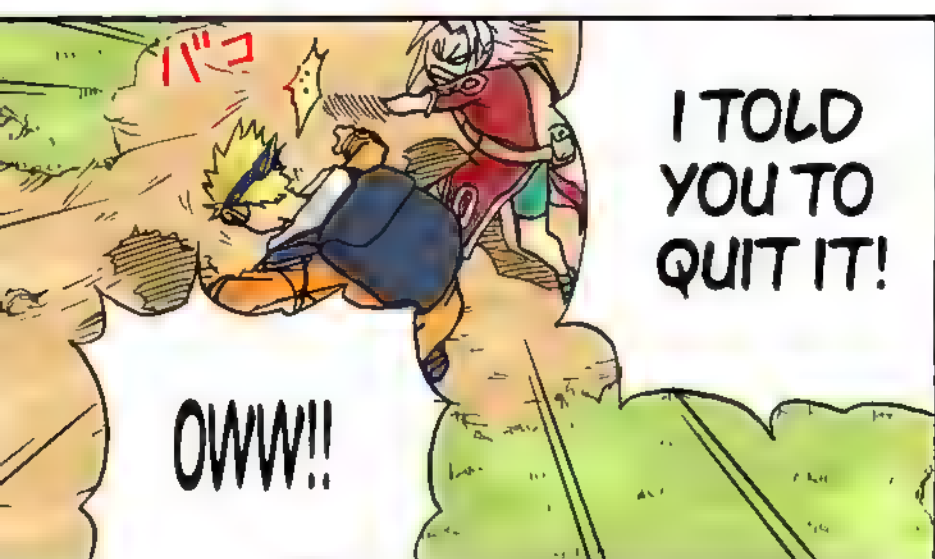






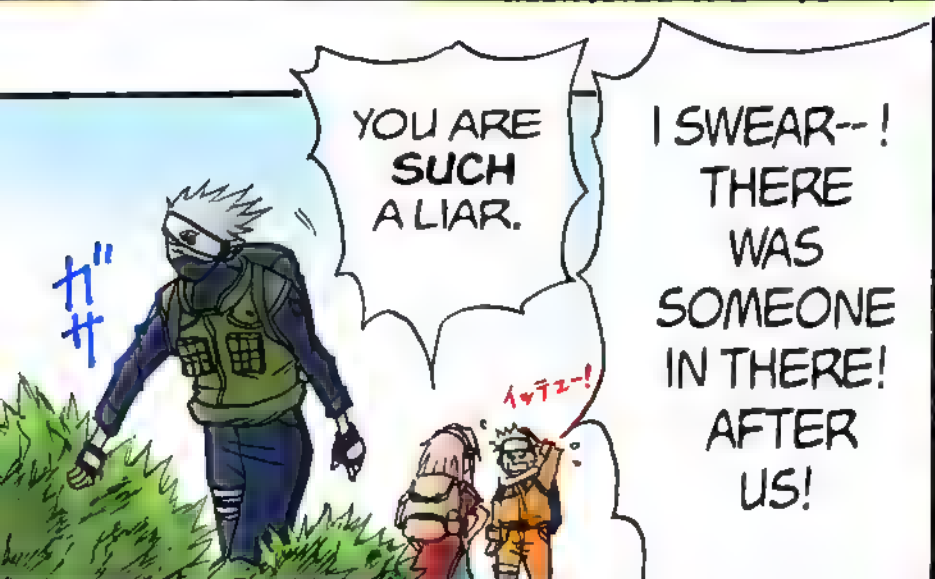






I TOLD
YOU TO
QUIT IT!

OWWW!!

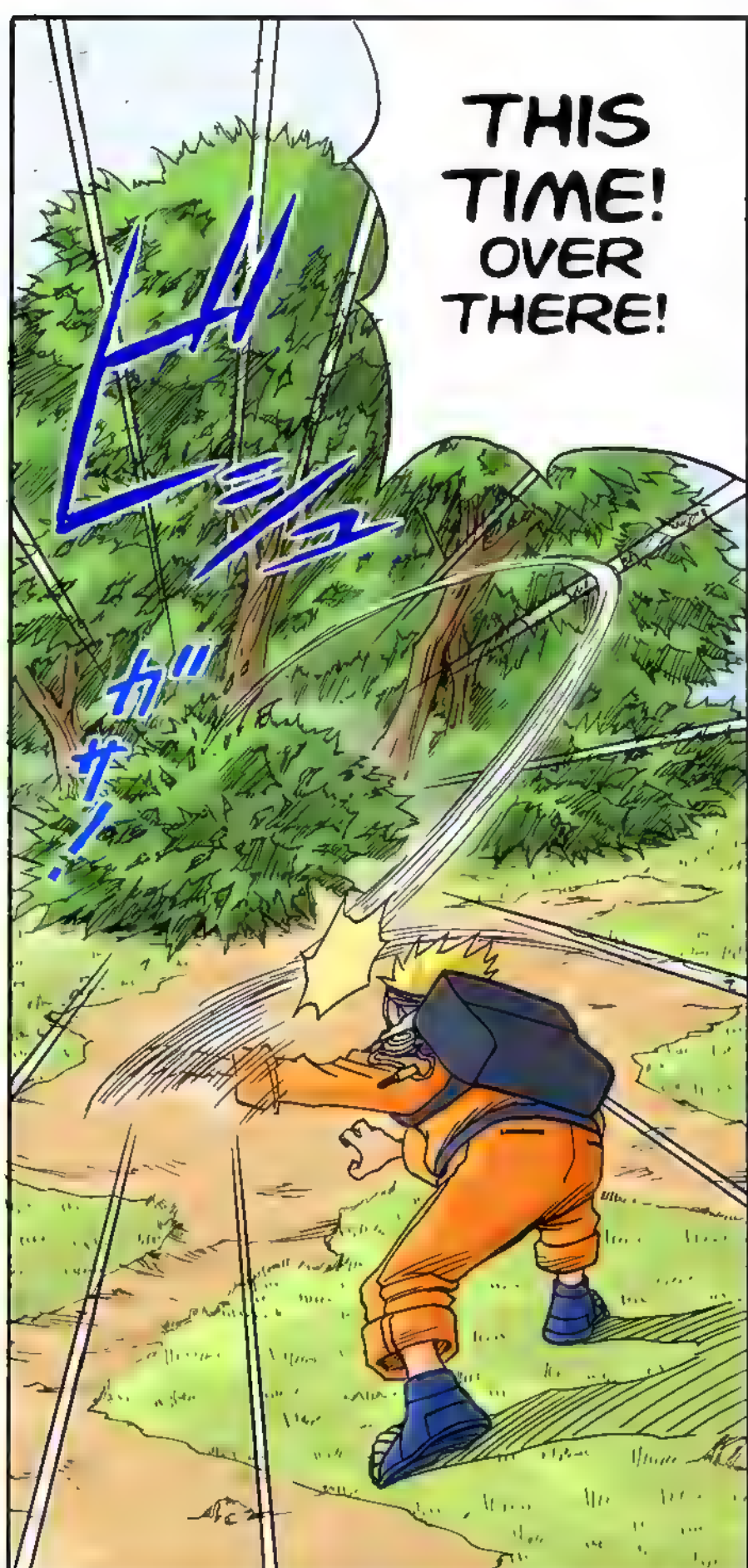


YOU ARE
SUCH
A LIAR.

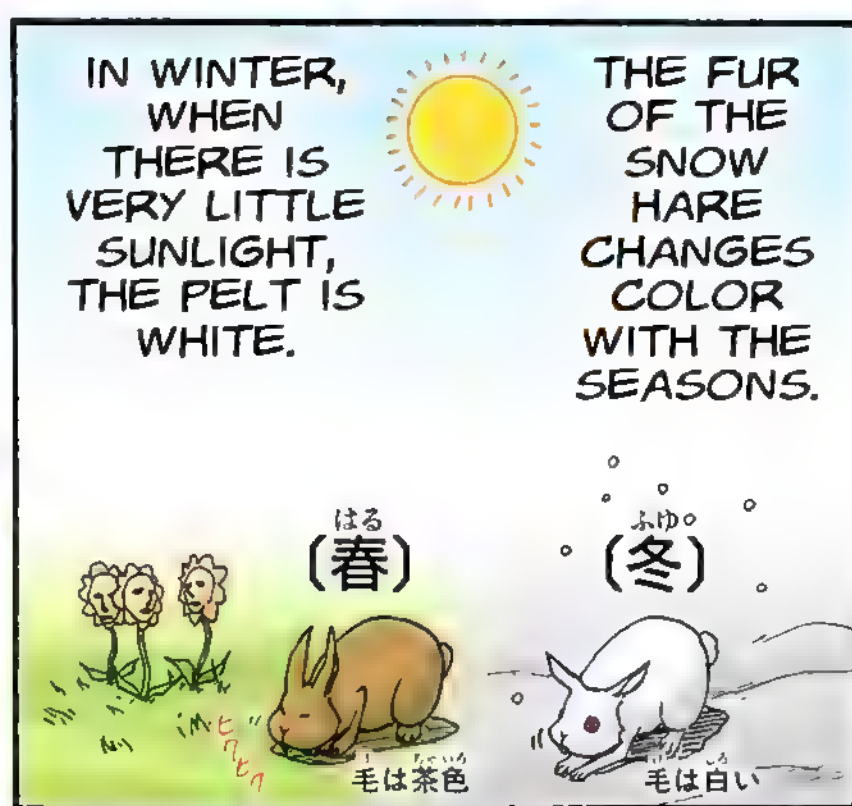
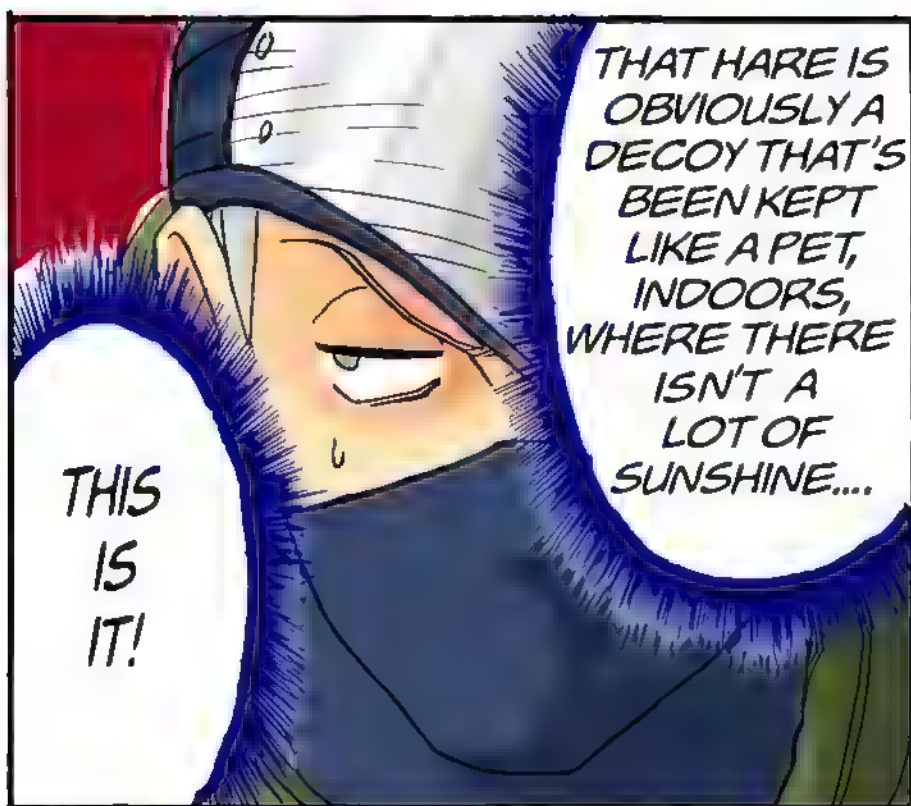
I SWEAR--!
THERE
WAS
SOMEONE
IN THERE!
AFTER
US!

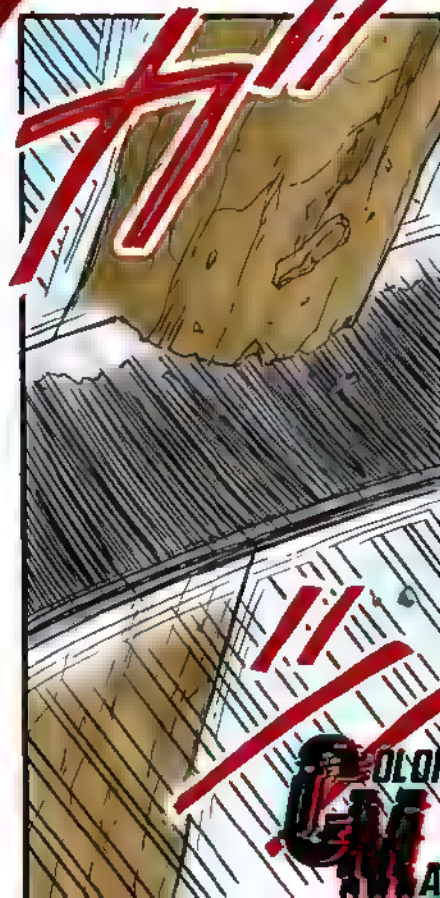
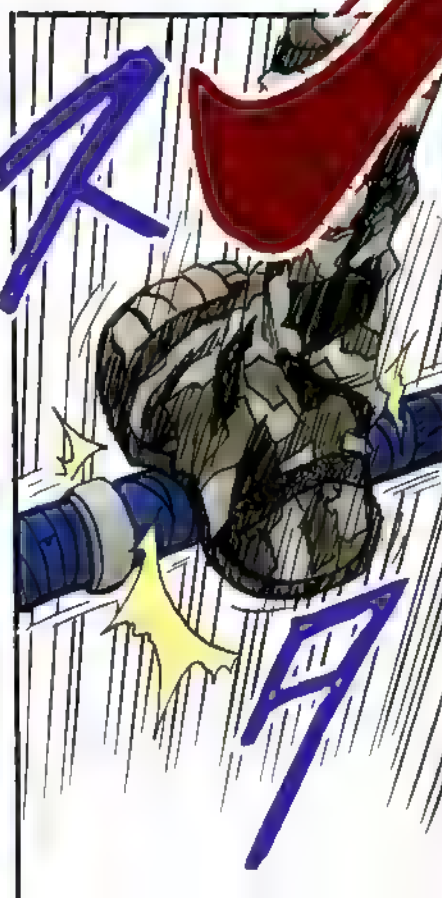
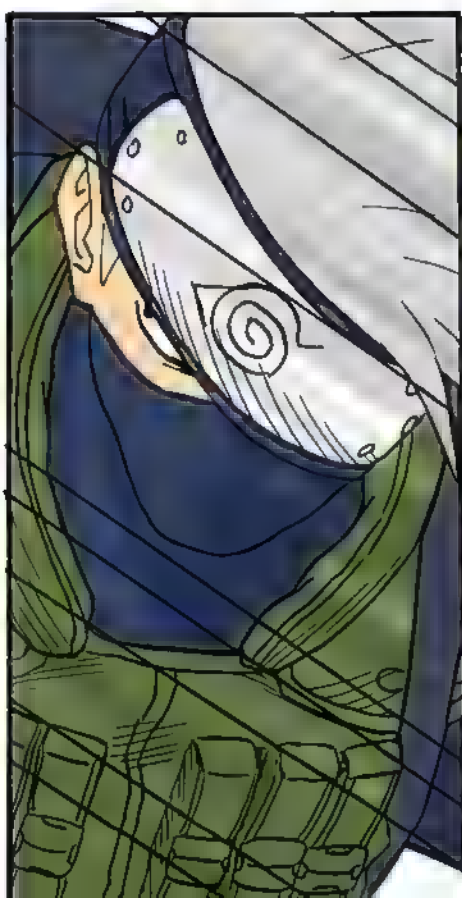
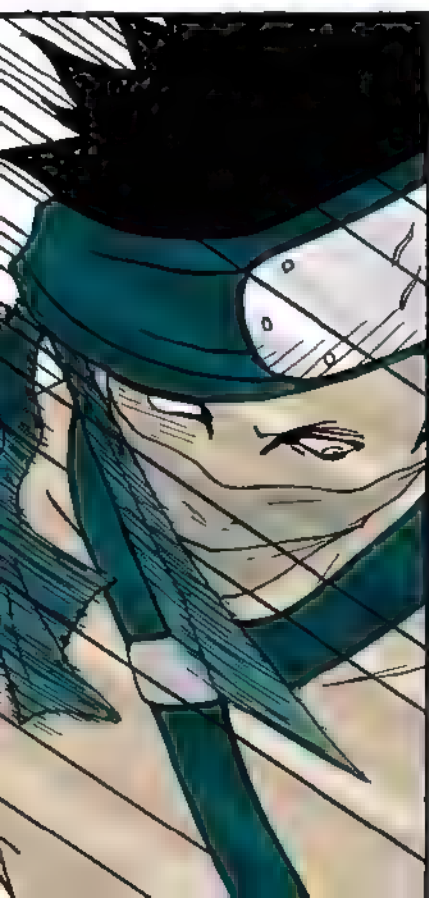
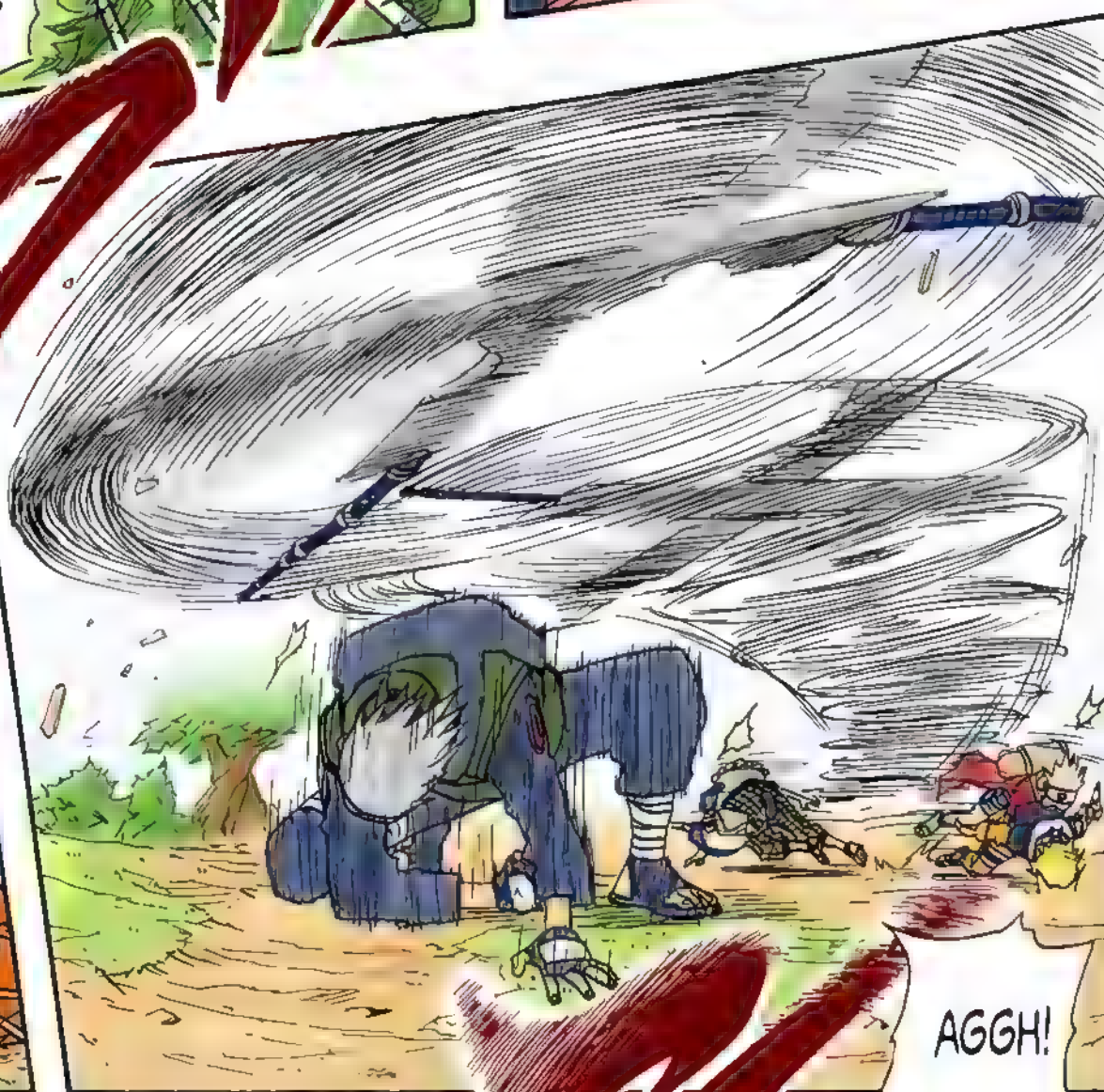
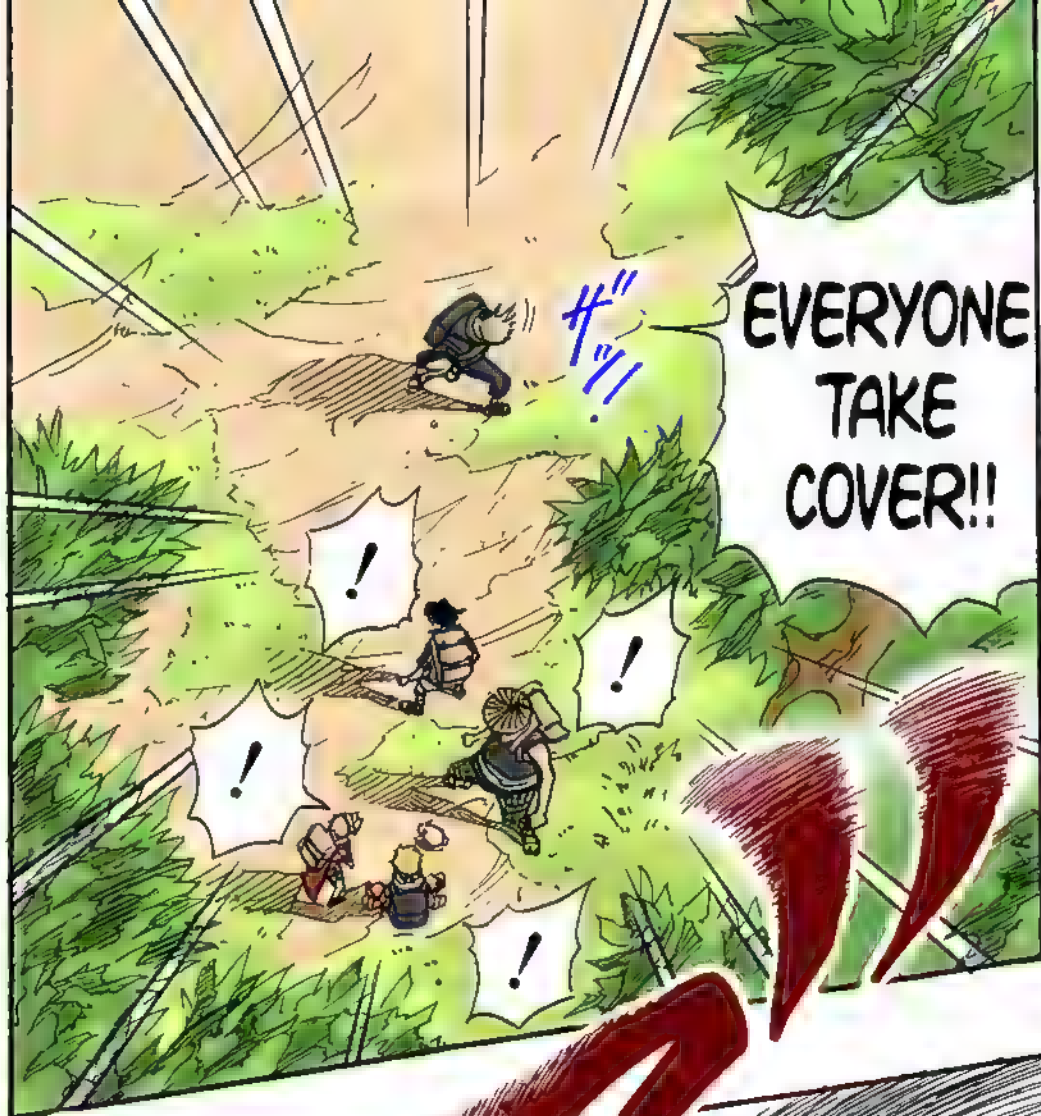


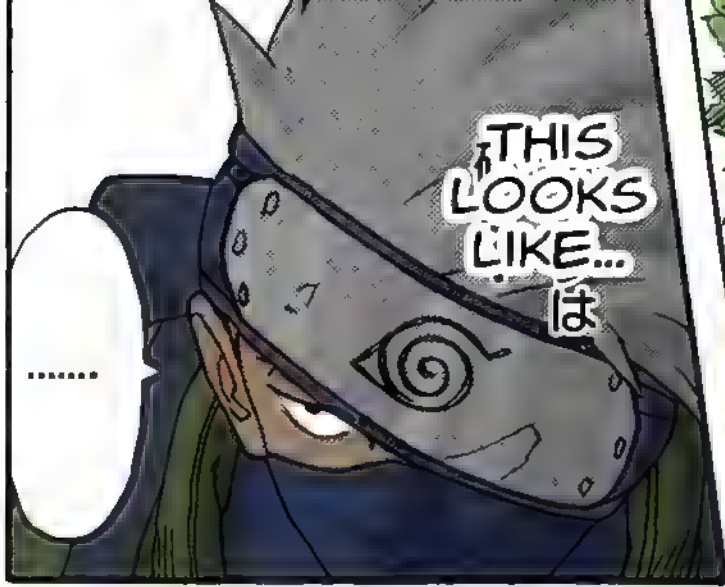
OHH--!



THIS
TIME!
OVER
THERE!







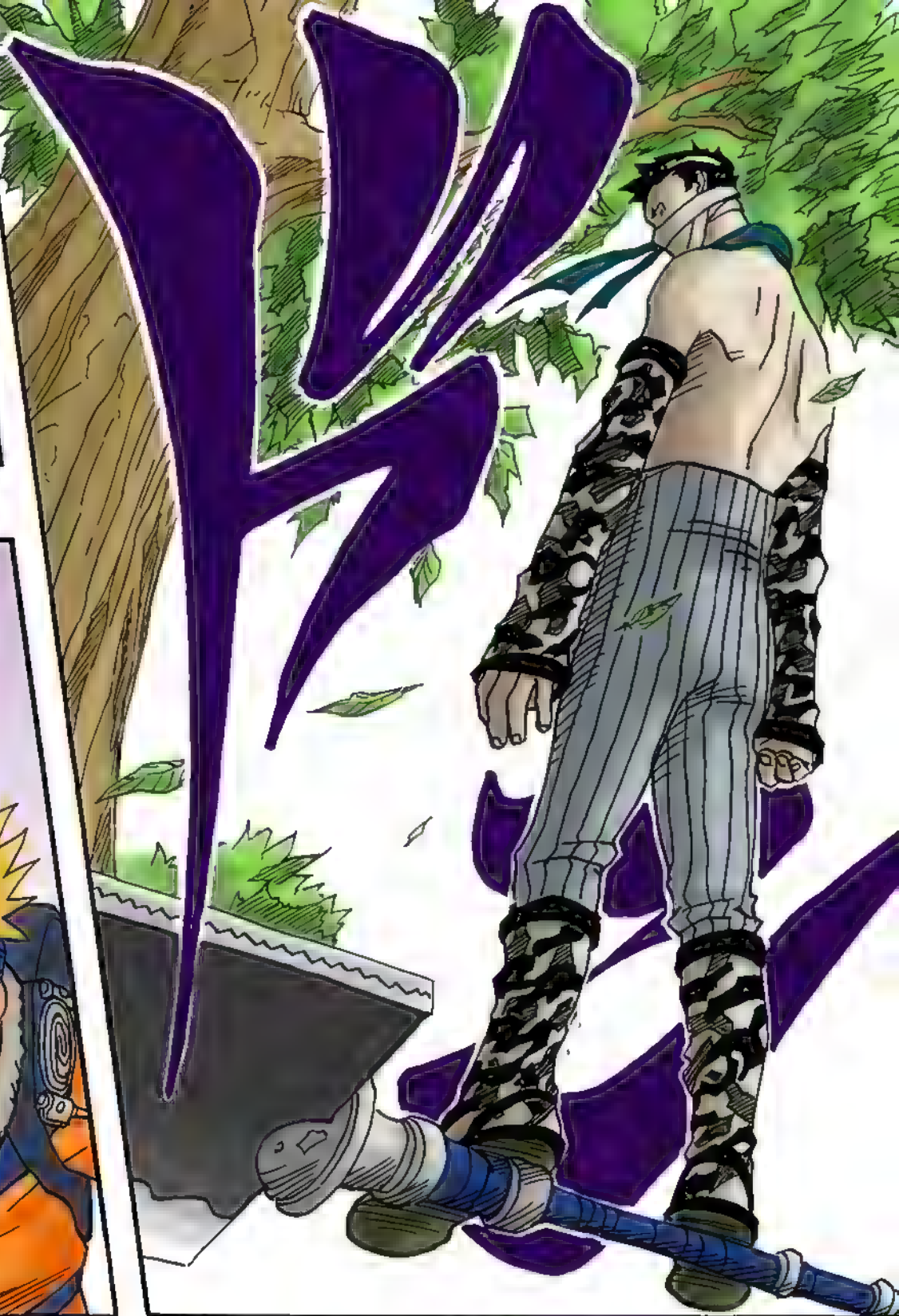
THIS
LOOKS
LIKE...
は



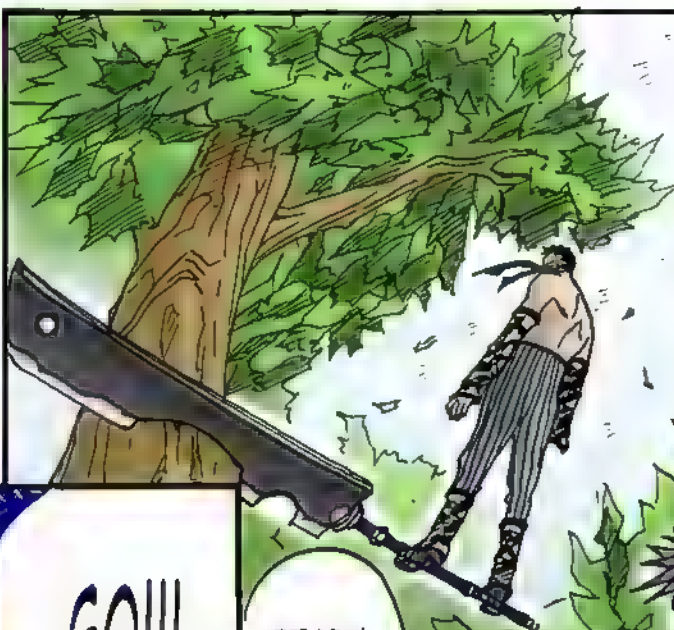
THIS TIME
SASUKE'S
NOT GONNA
OUTDO ME!!

YESS!
IT'S HERE!
MY BIG
CHANCE!

たア
!!!



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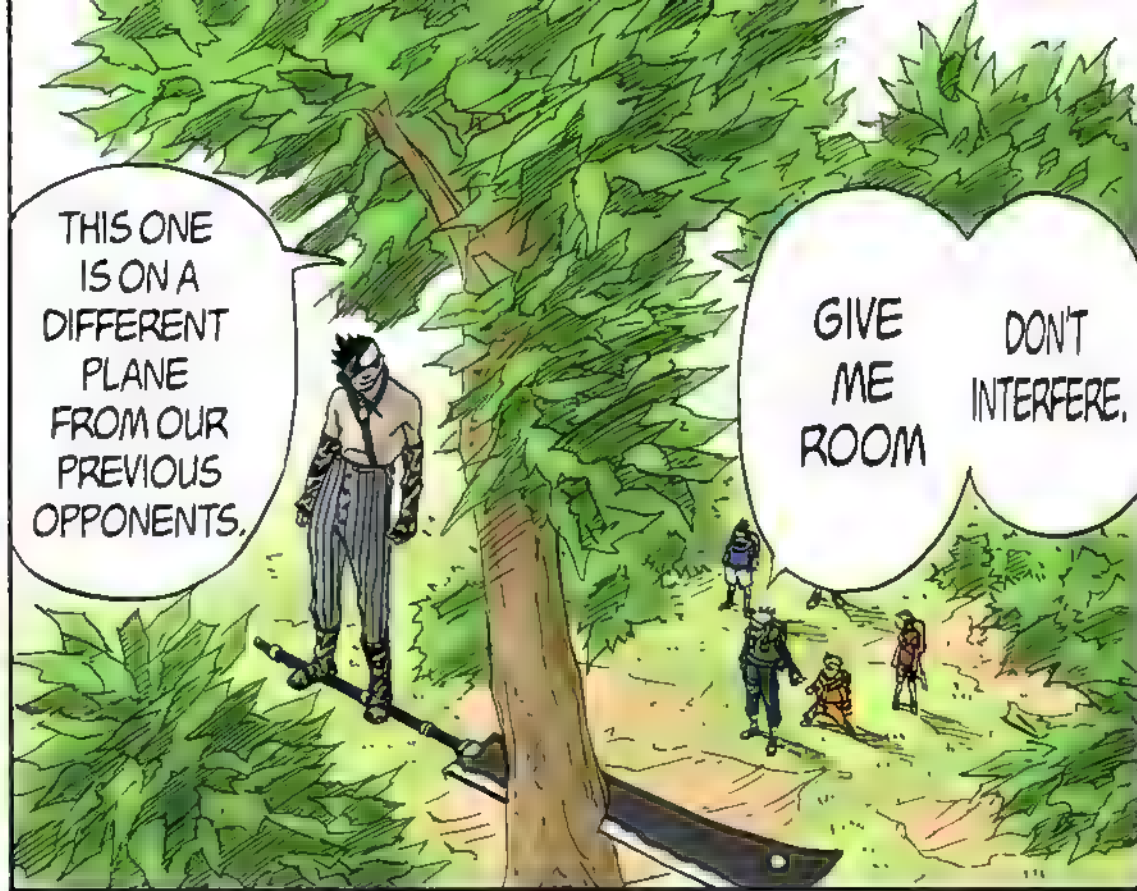


...GO!!!

READY....
STEADY..

WELL, WELL...
IF IT ISN'T
MOMOCHI
ZABUZA,
THE KID WHO
RAN OFF AND
LEFT THE
LAND OF THE
MISTS!

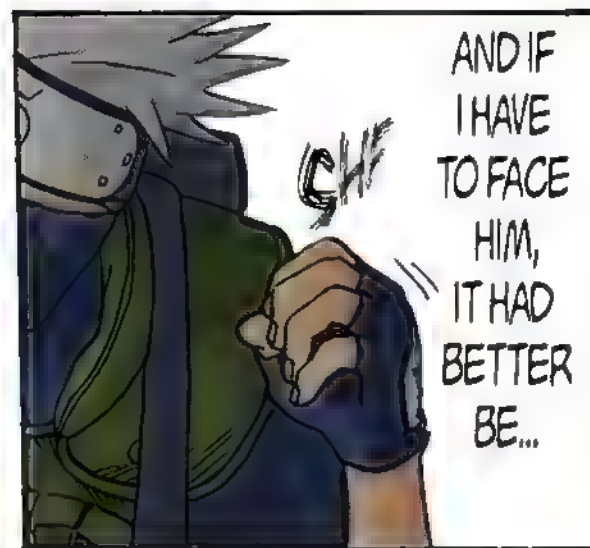
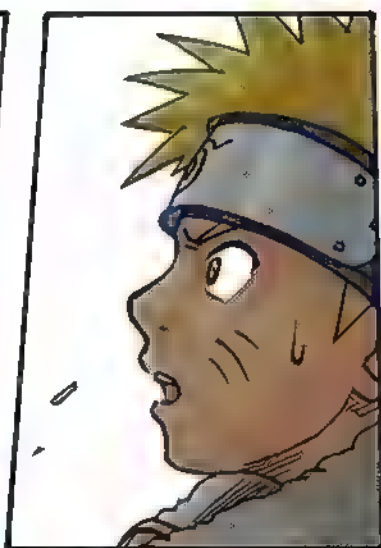
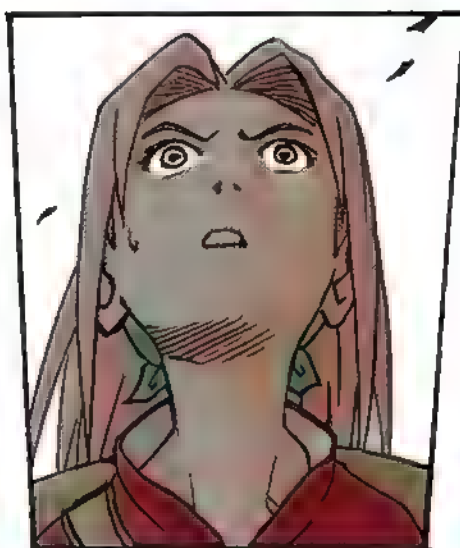
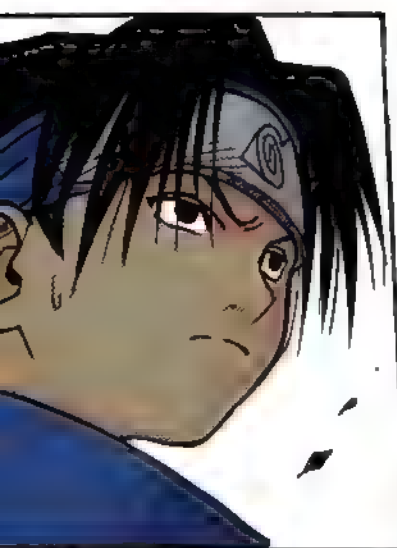




THIS ONE
IS ON A
DIFFERENT
PLANE
FROM OUR
PREVIOUS
OPPONENTS.

GIVE
ME
ROOM

DON'T
INTERFERE.



AND IF
I HAVE
TO FACE
HIM,
IT HAD
BETTER
BE...



THIS
MAY
BE A
LITTLE
ROUGH.

...LIKE
THIS...



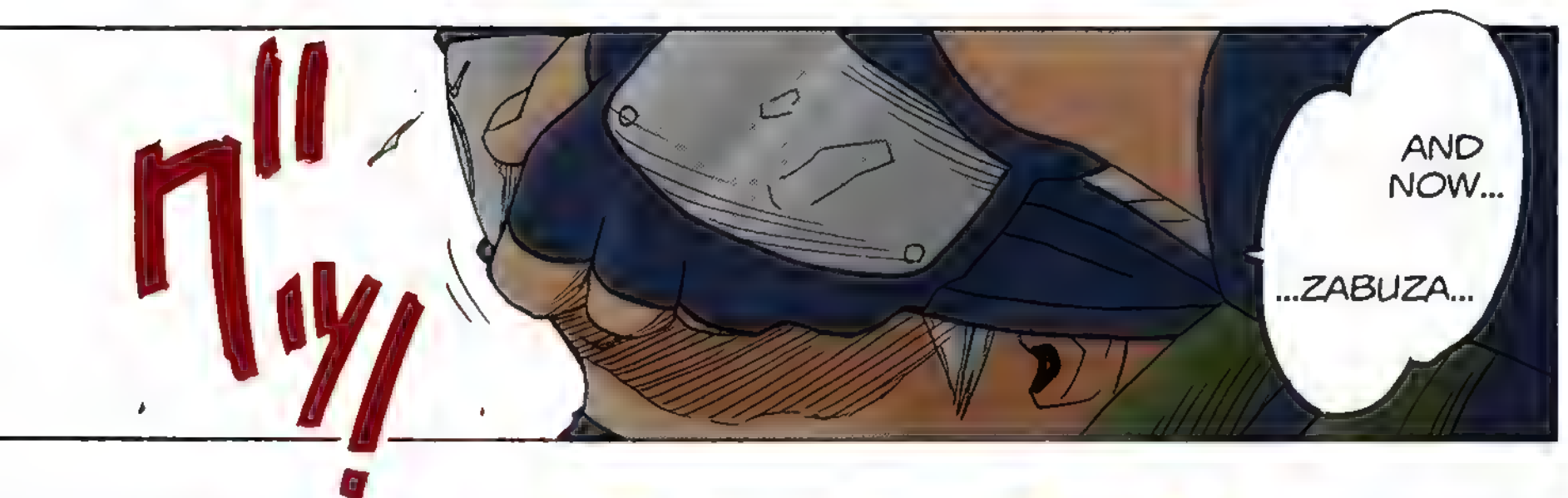
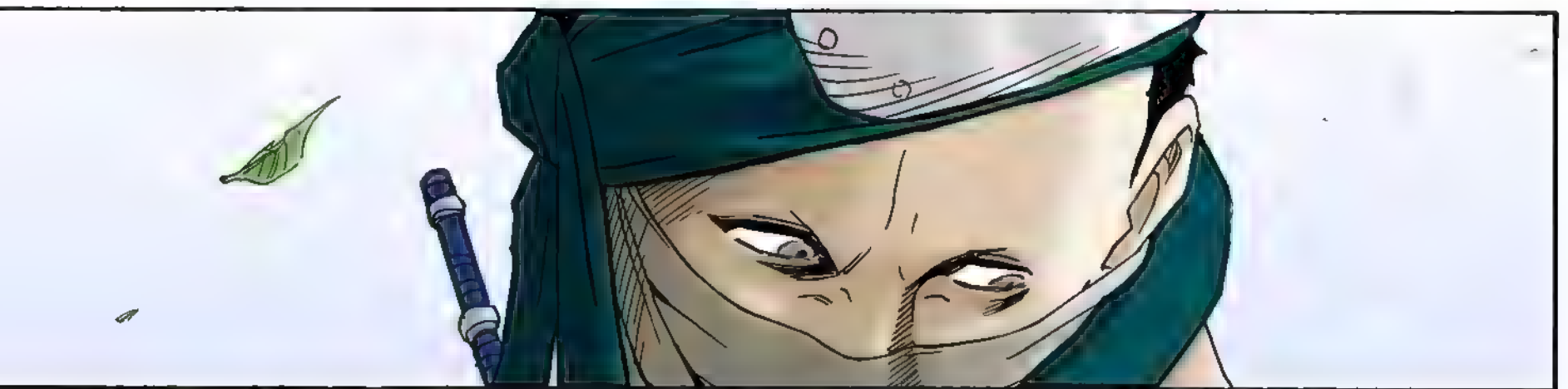
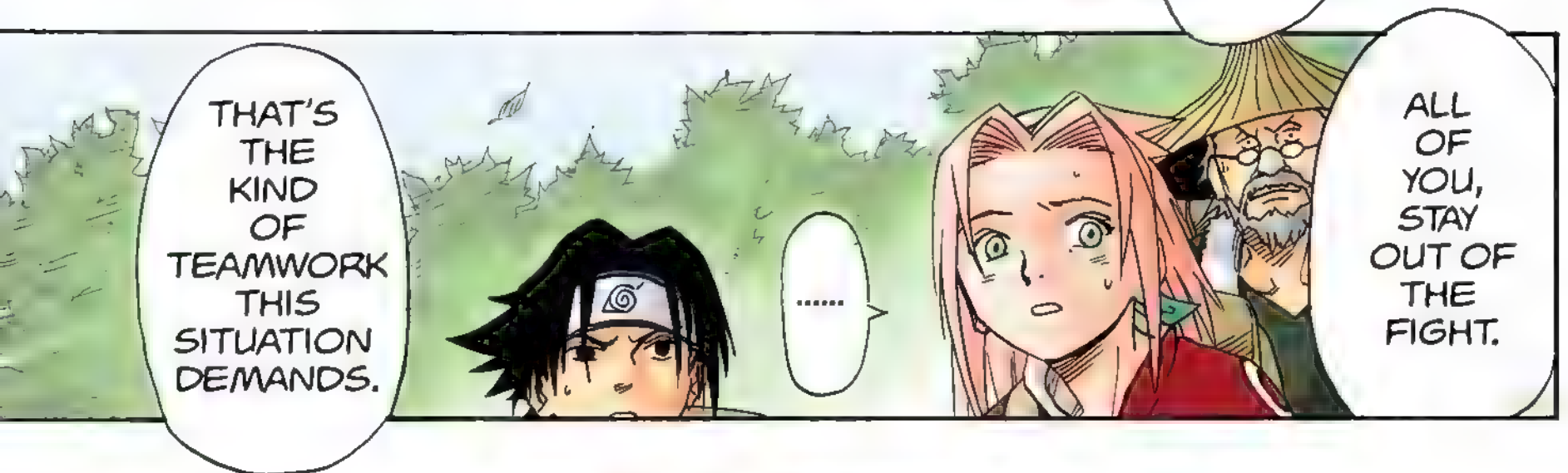
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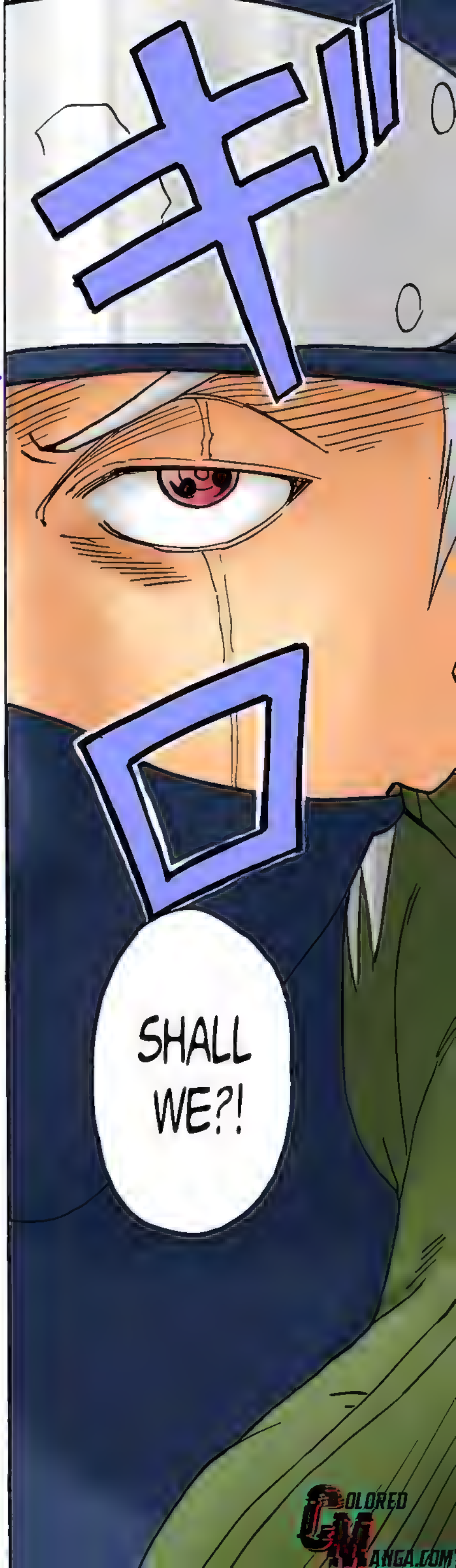
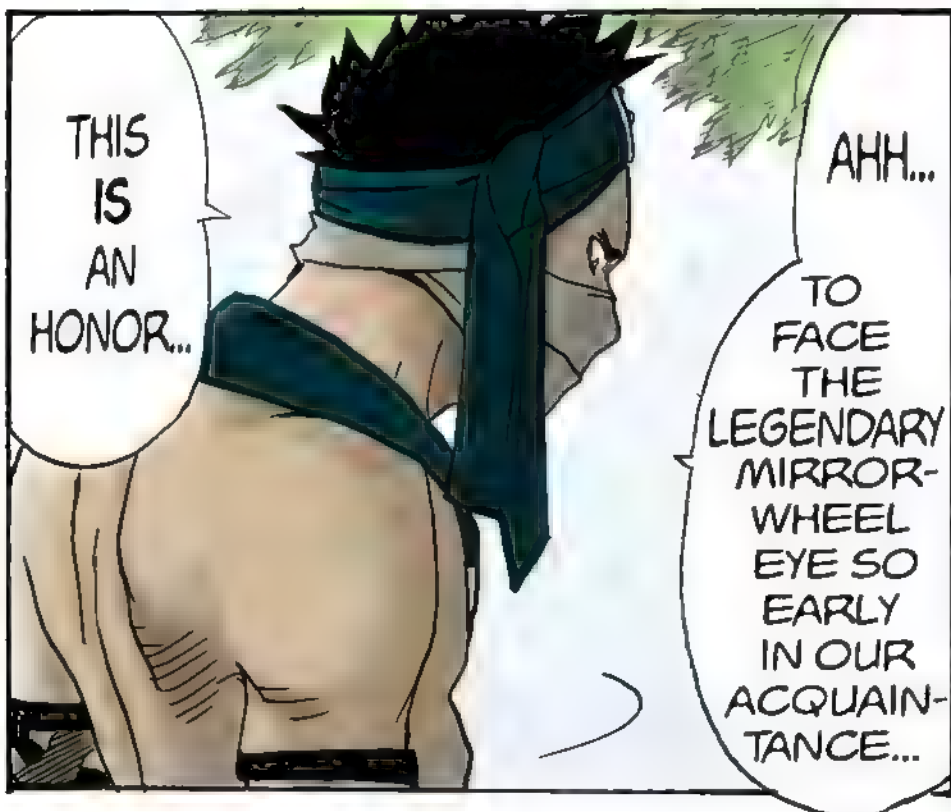
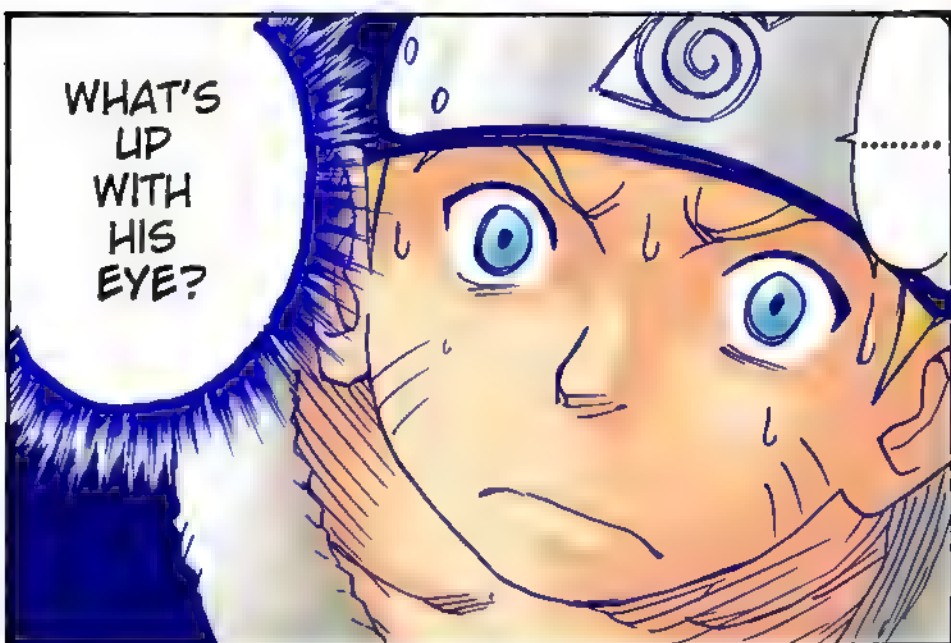
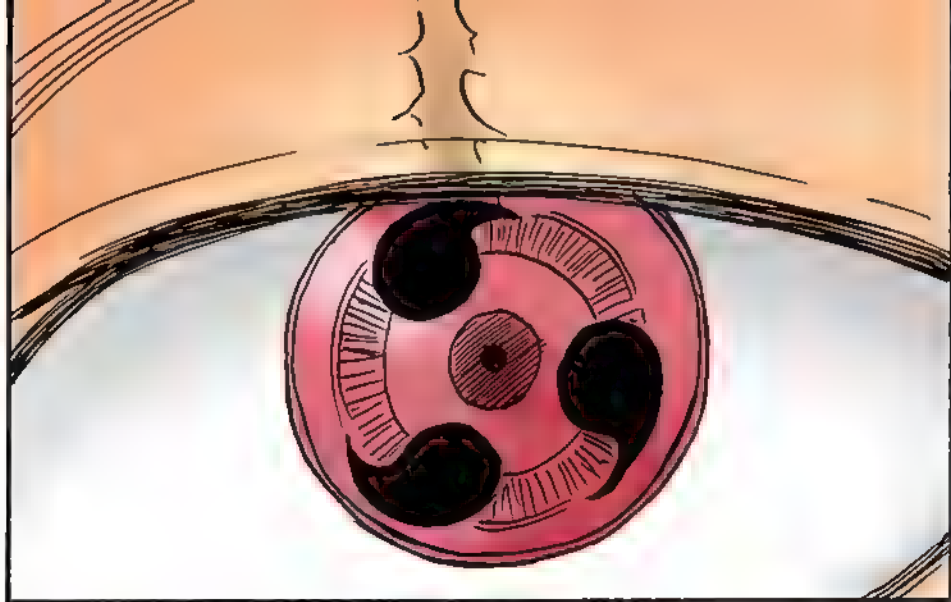
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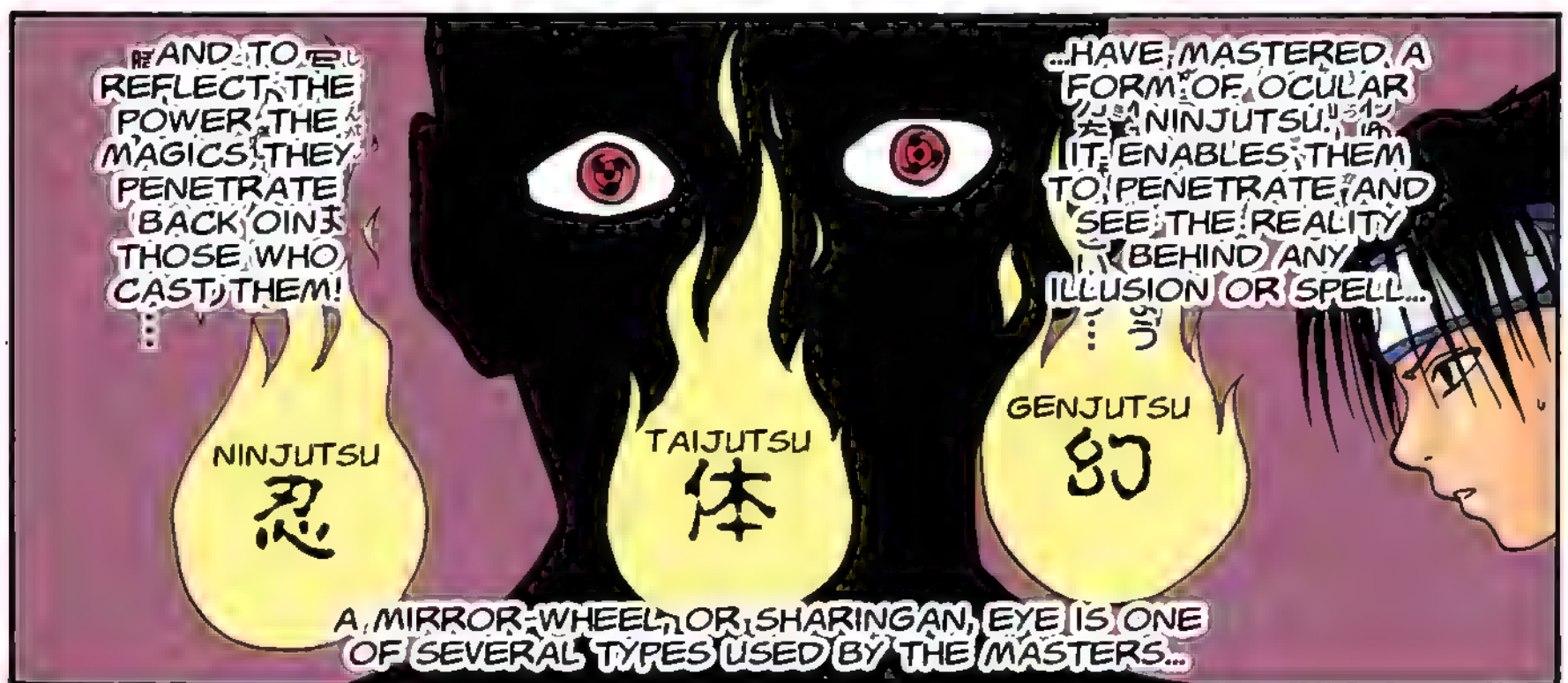
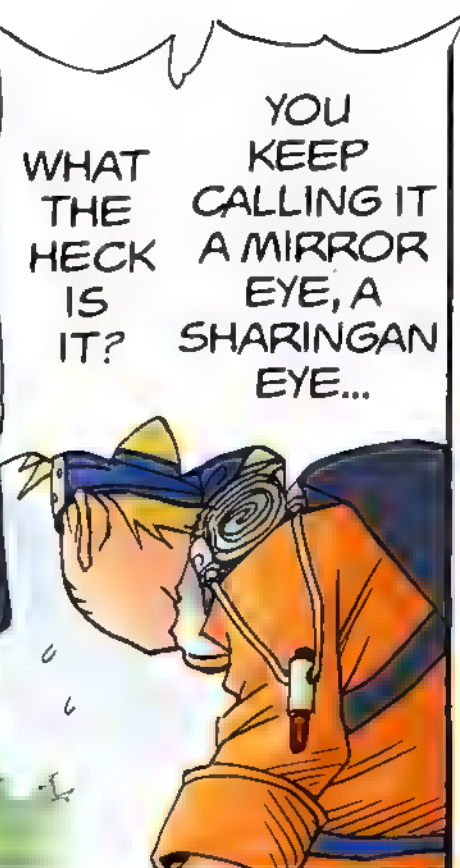
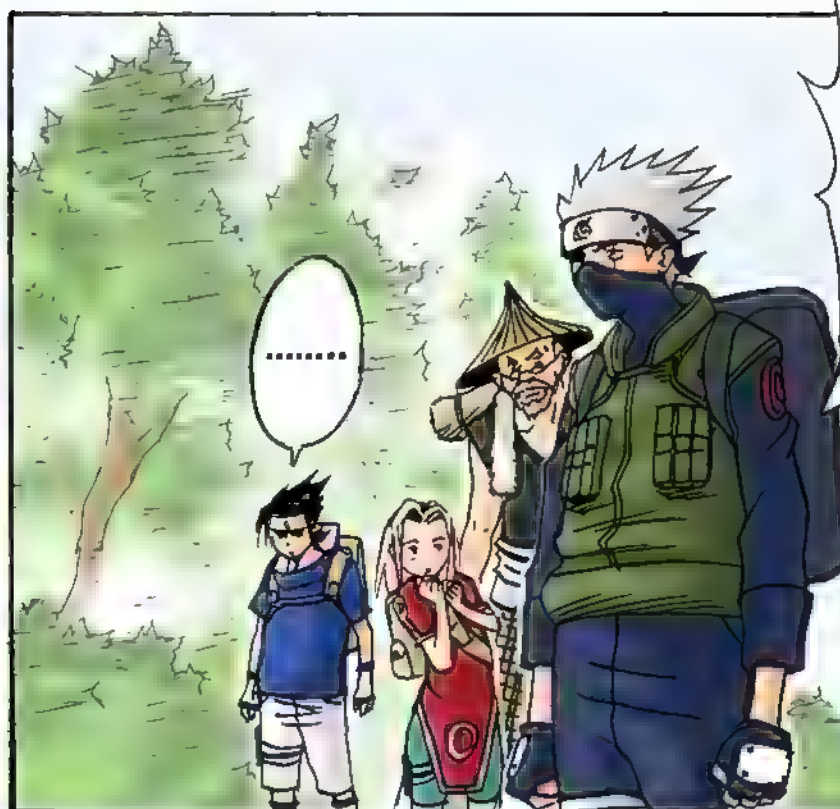
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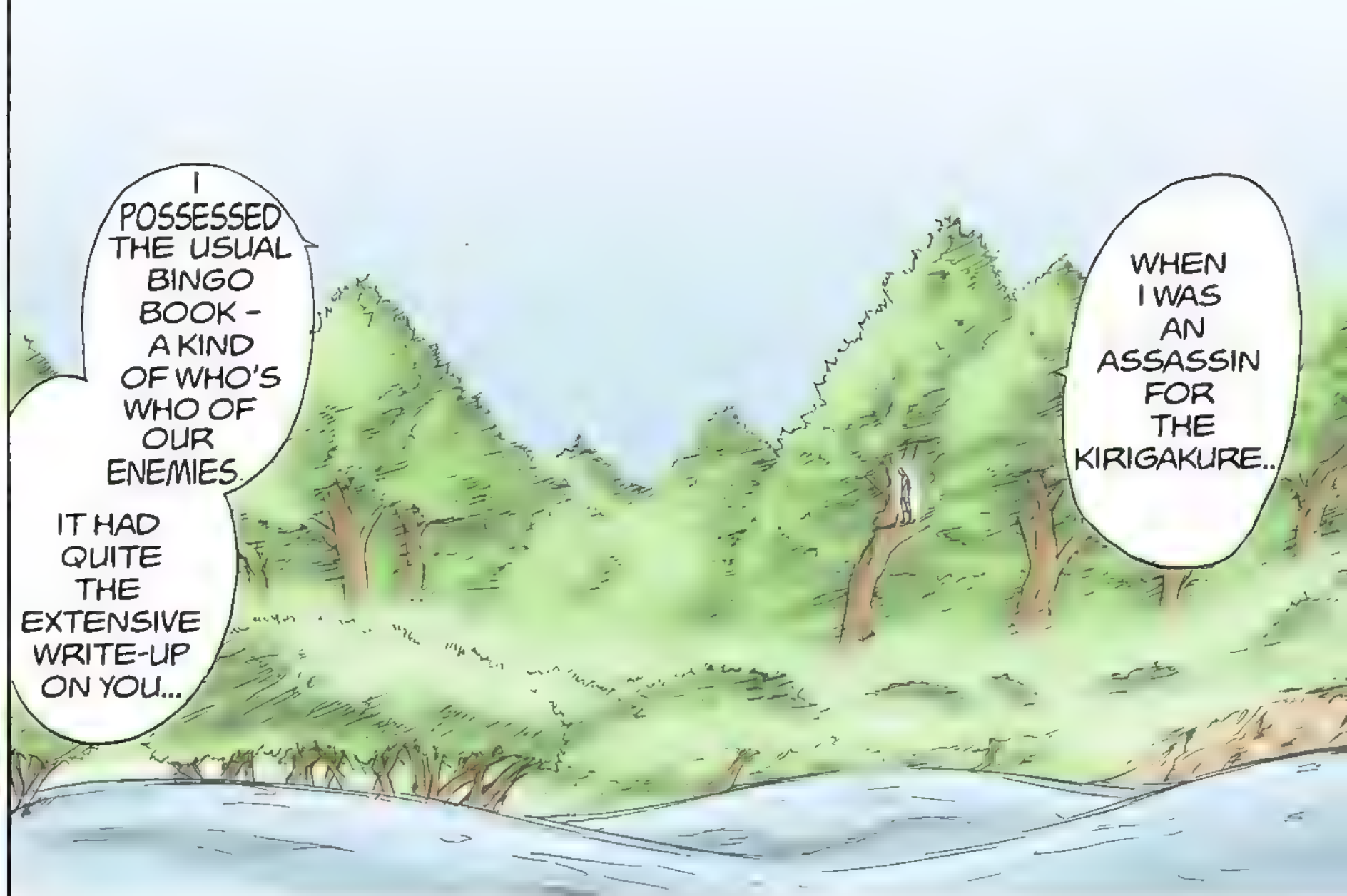
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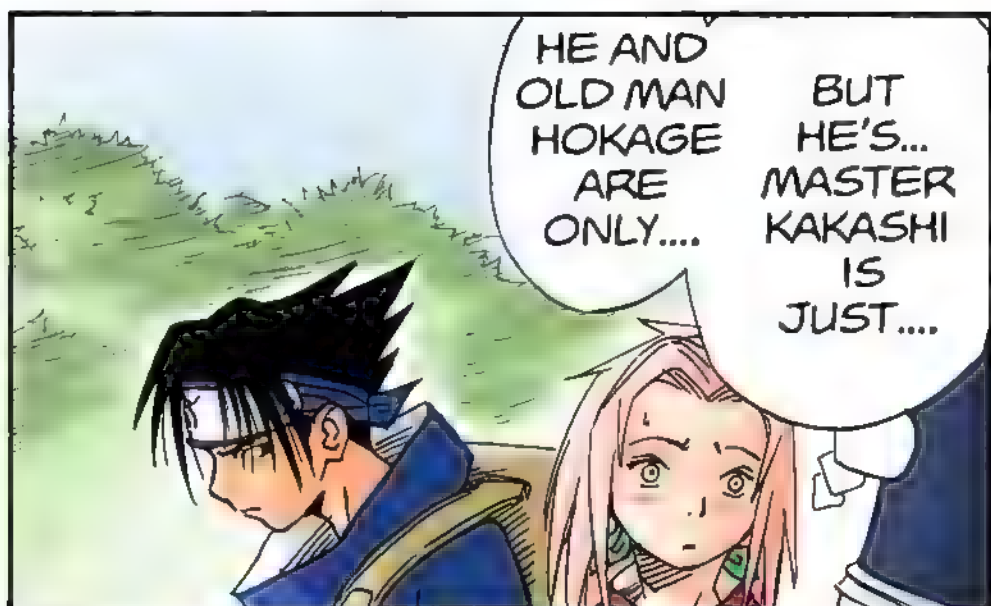




I POSSESSED THE USUAL BINGO BOOK - A KIND OF WHO'S WHO OF OUR ENEMIES

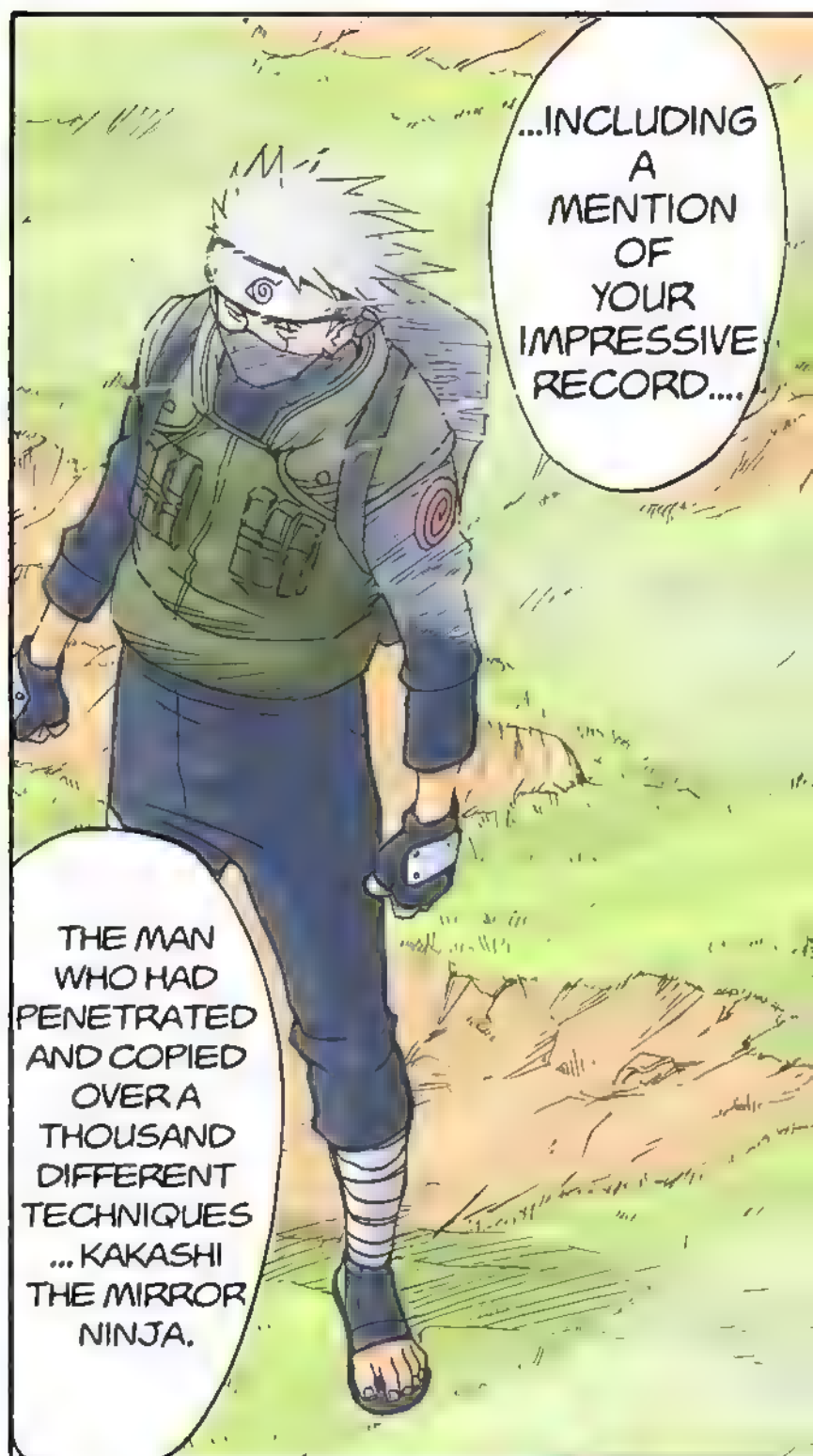
IT HAD QUITE THE EXTENSIVE WRITE-UP ON YOU...

WHEN I WAS AN ASSASSIN FOR THE KIRIGAKURE..



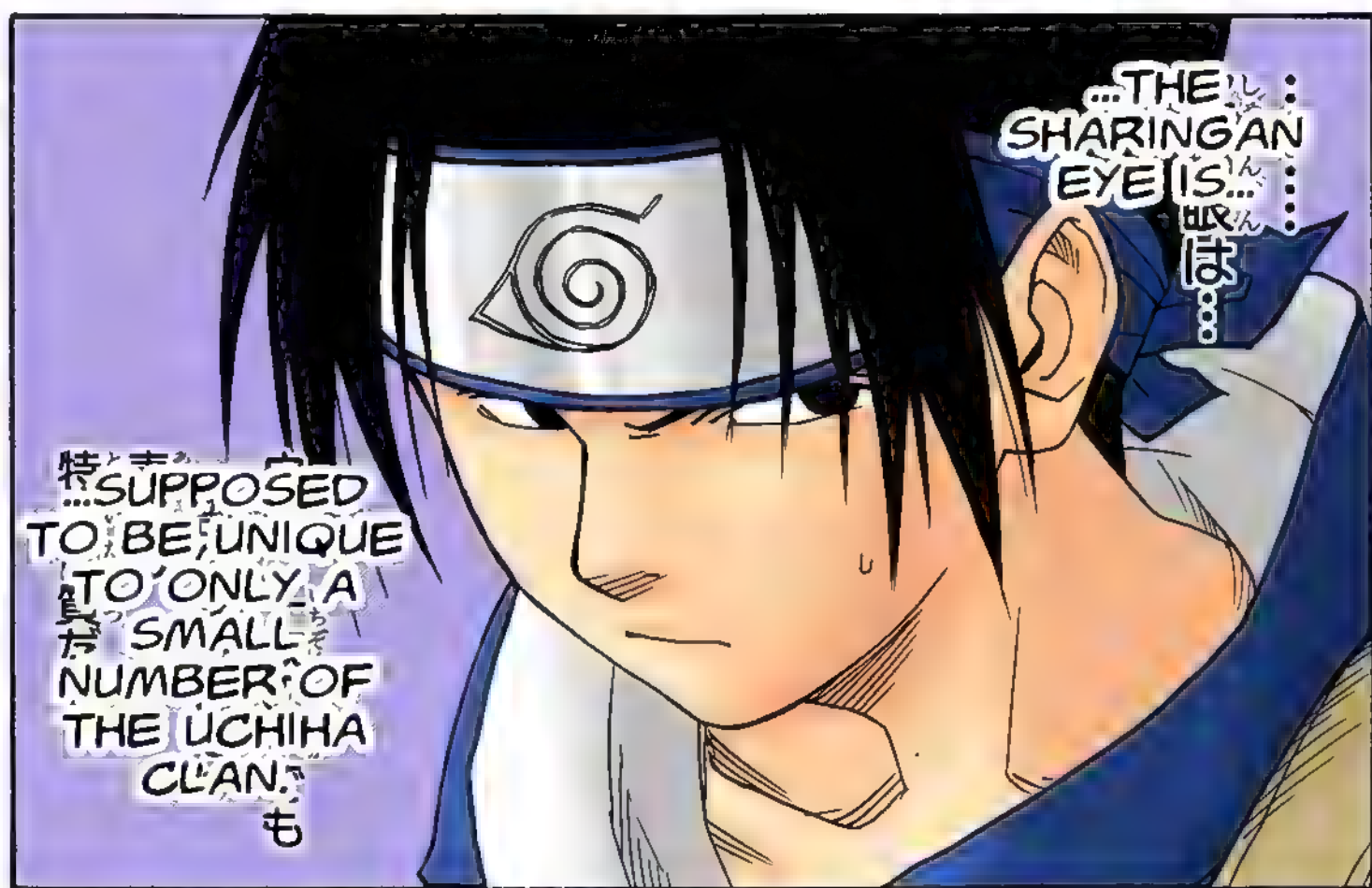
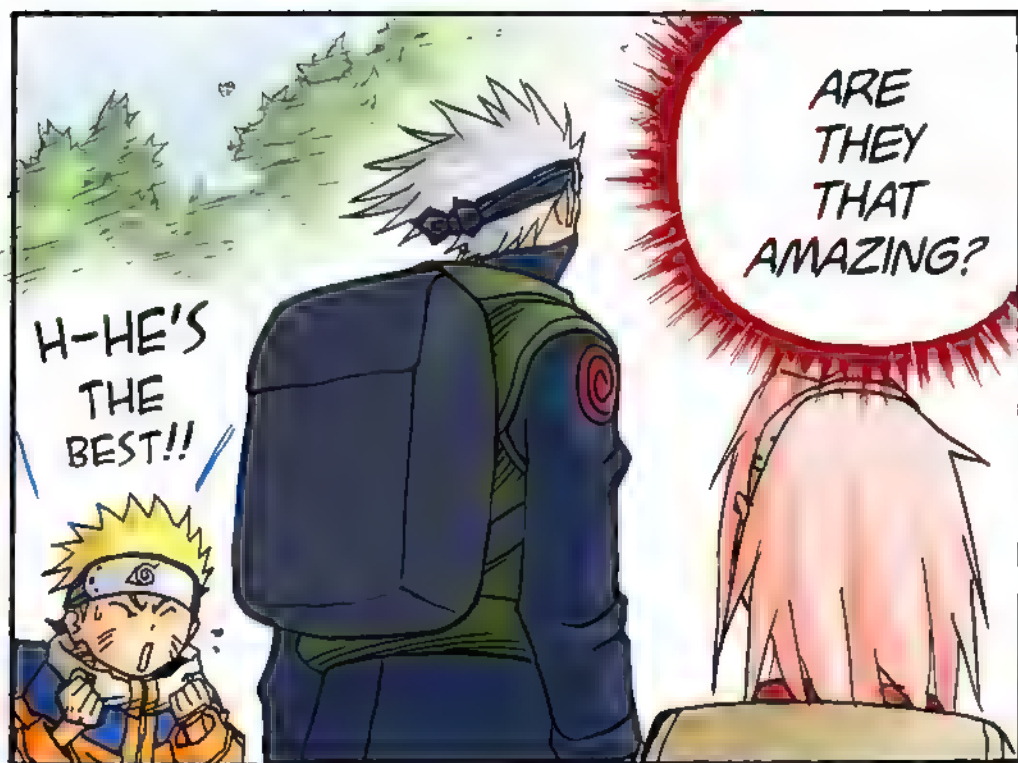
HE AND OLD MAN HOKAGE ARE ONLY....

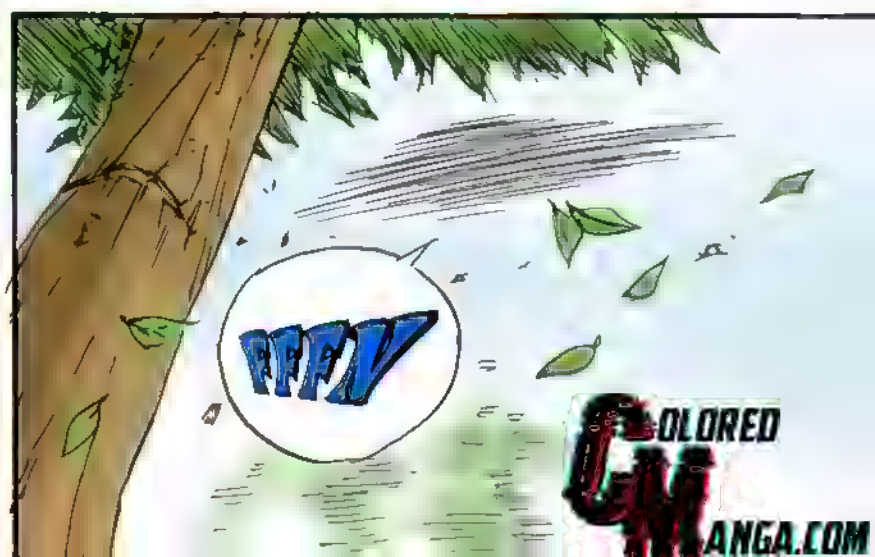
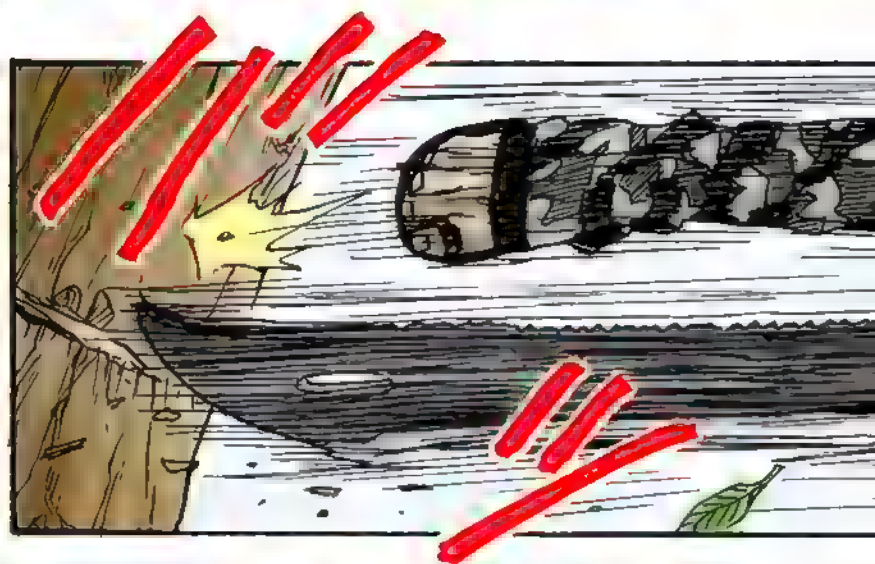
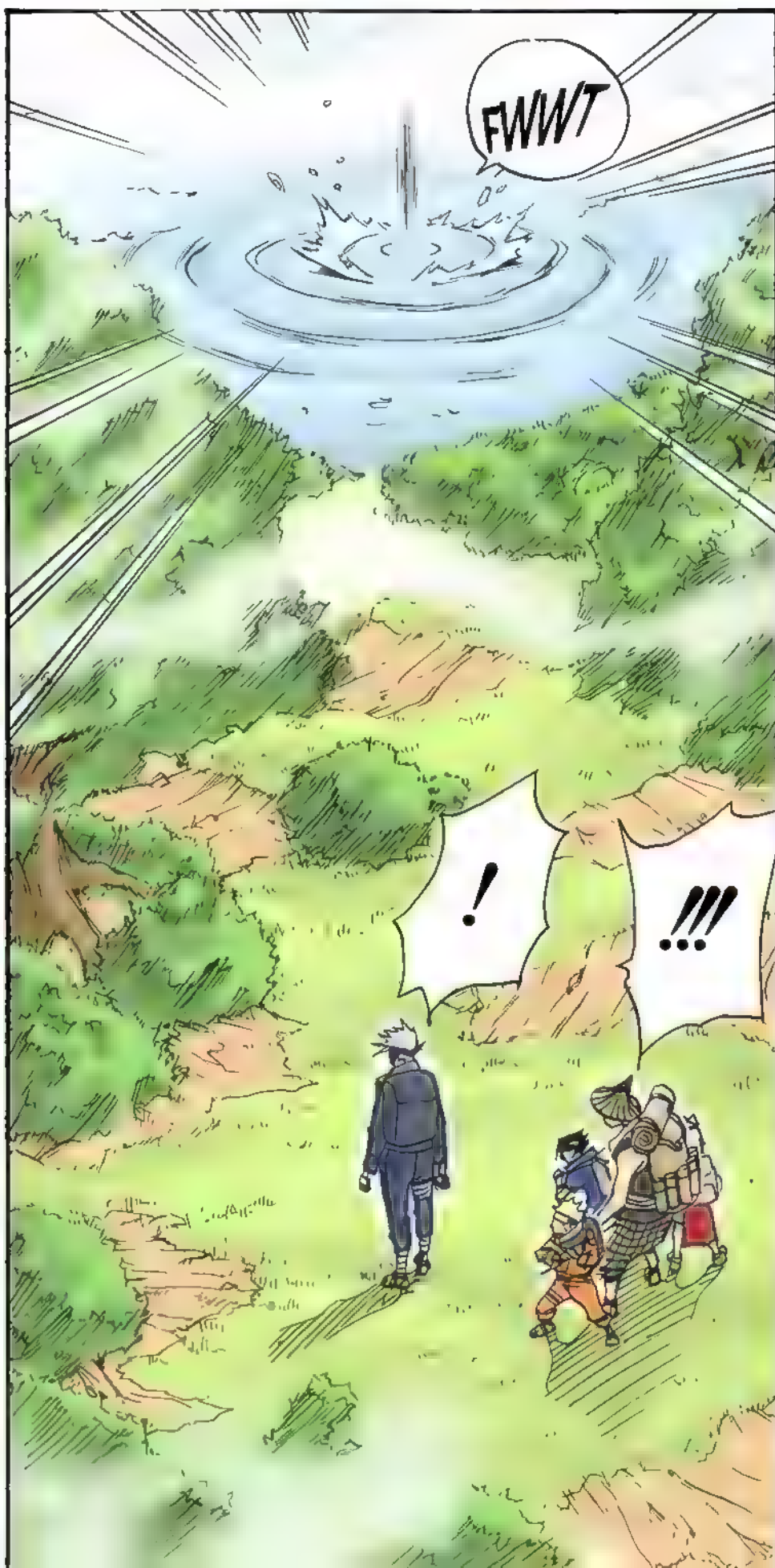
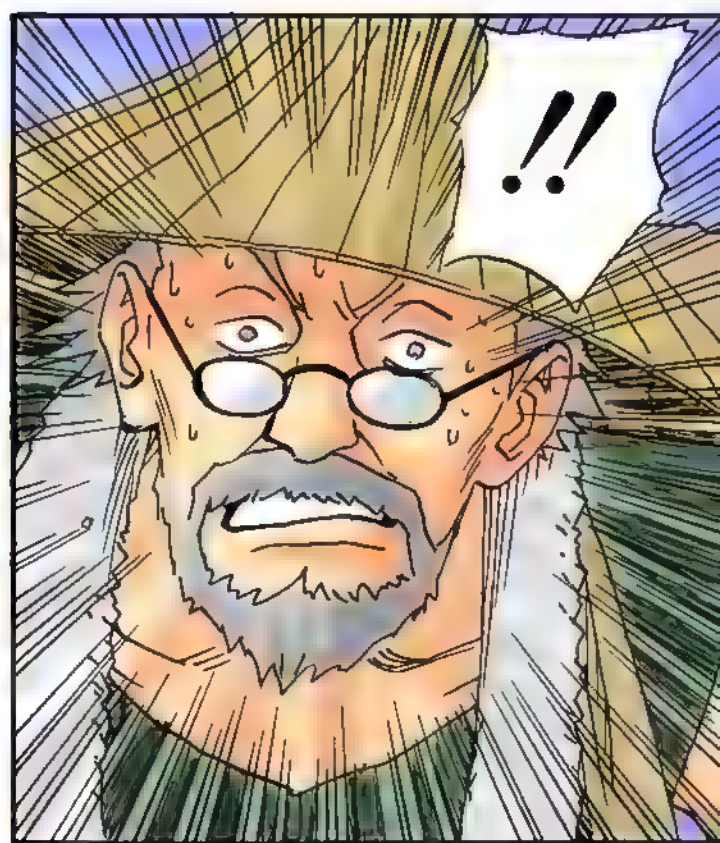
BUT HE'S... MASTER KAKASHI IS JUST....

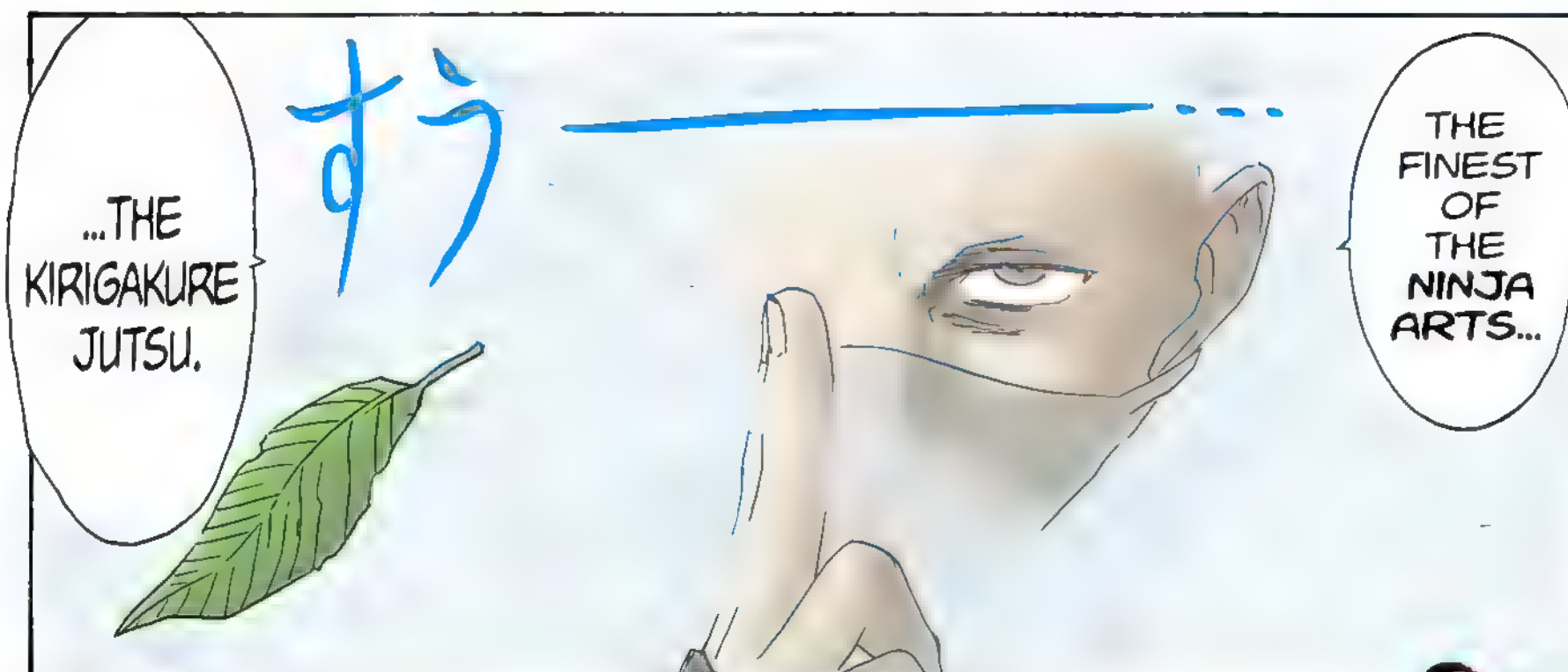
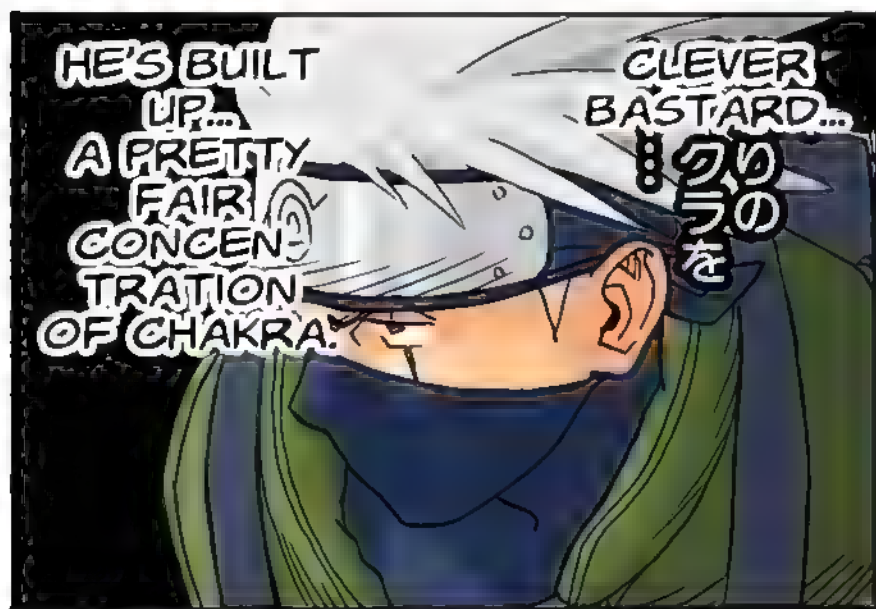
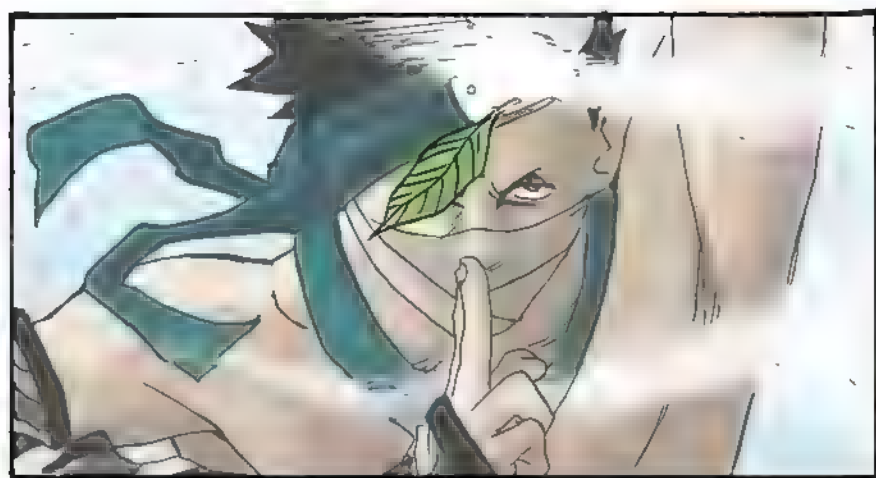
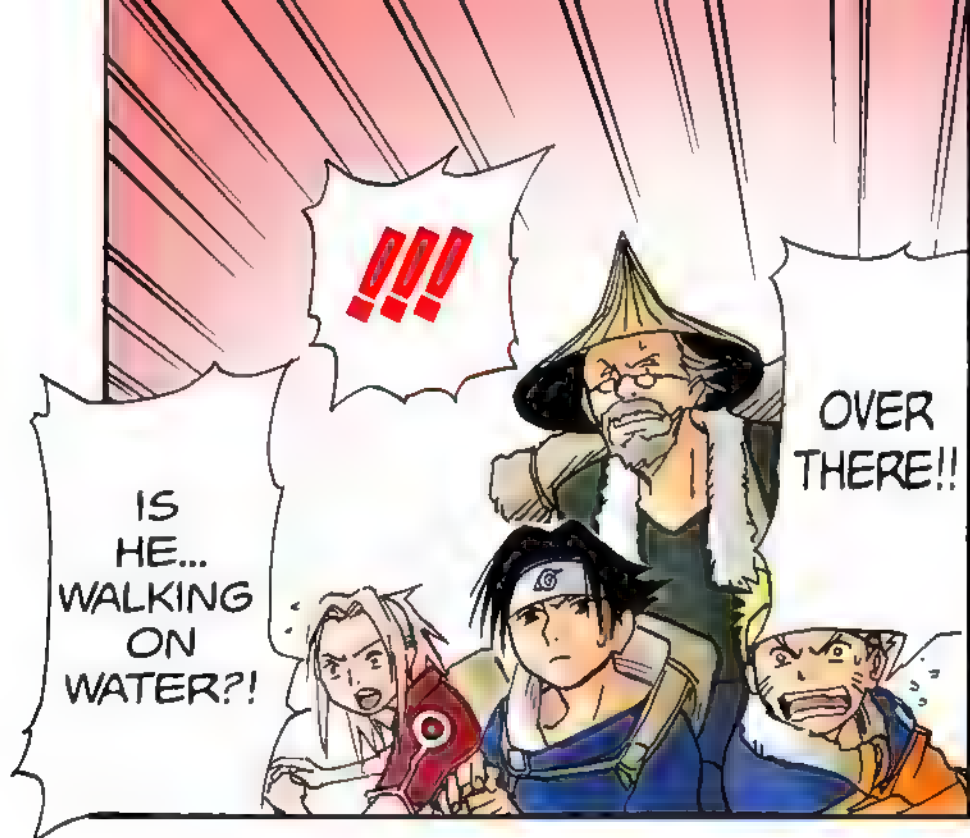


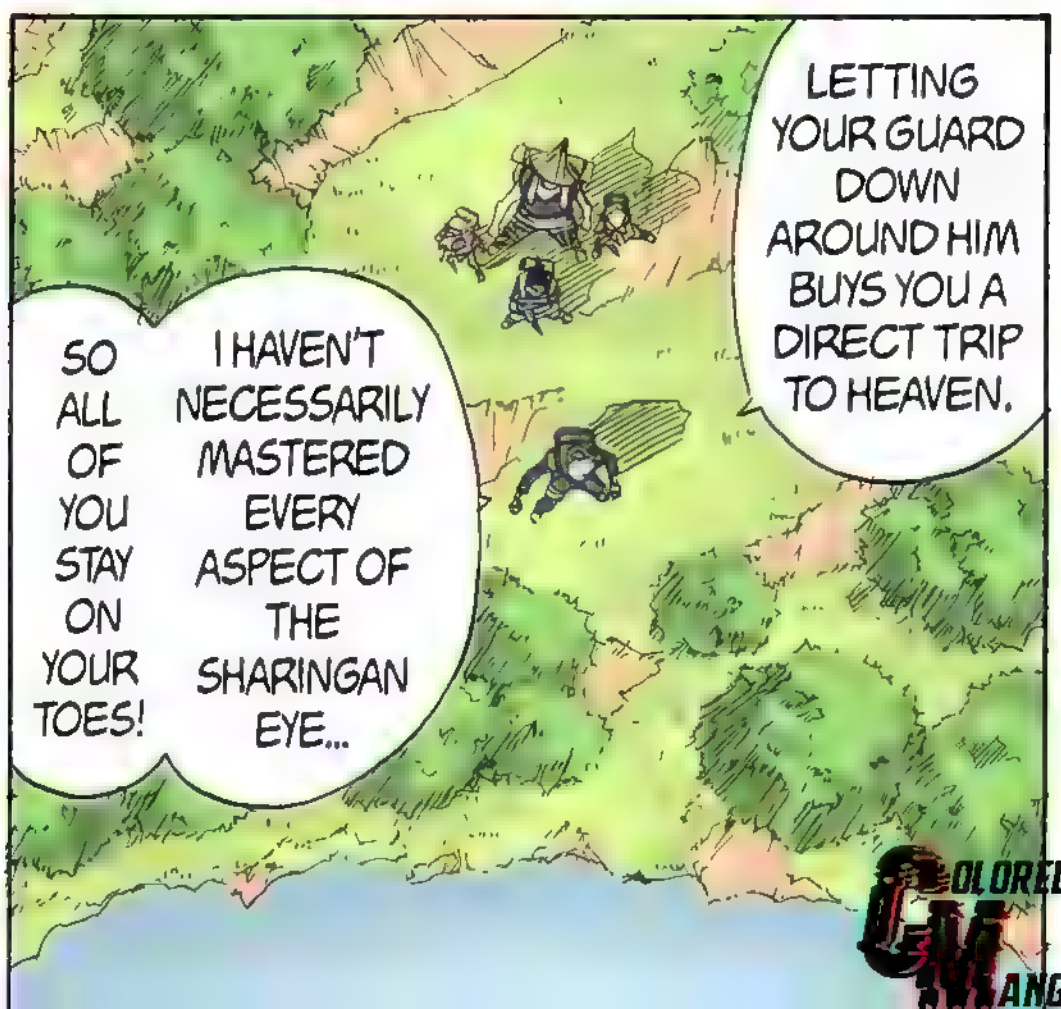
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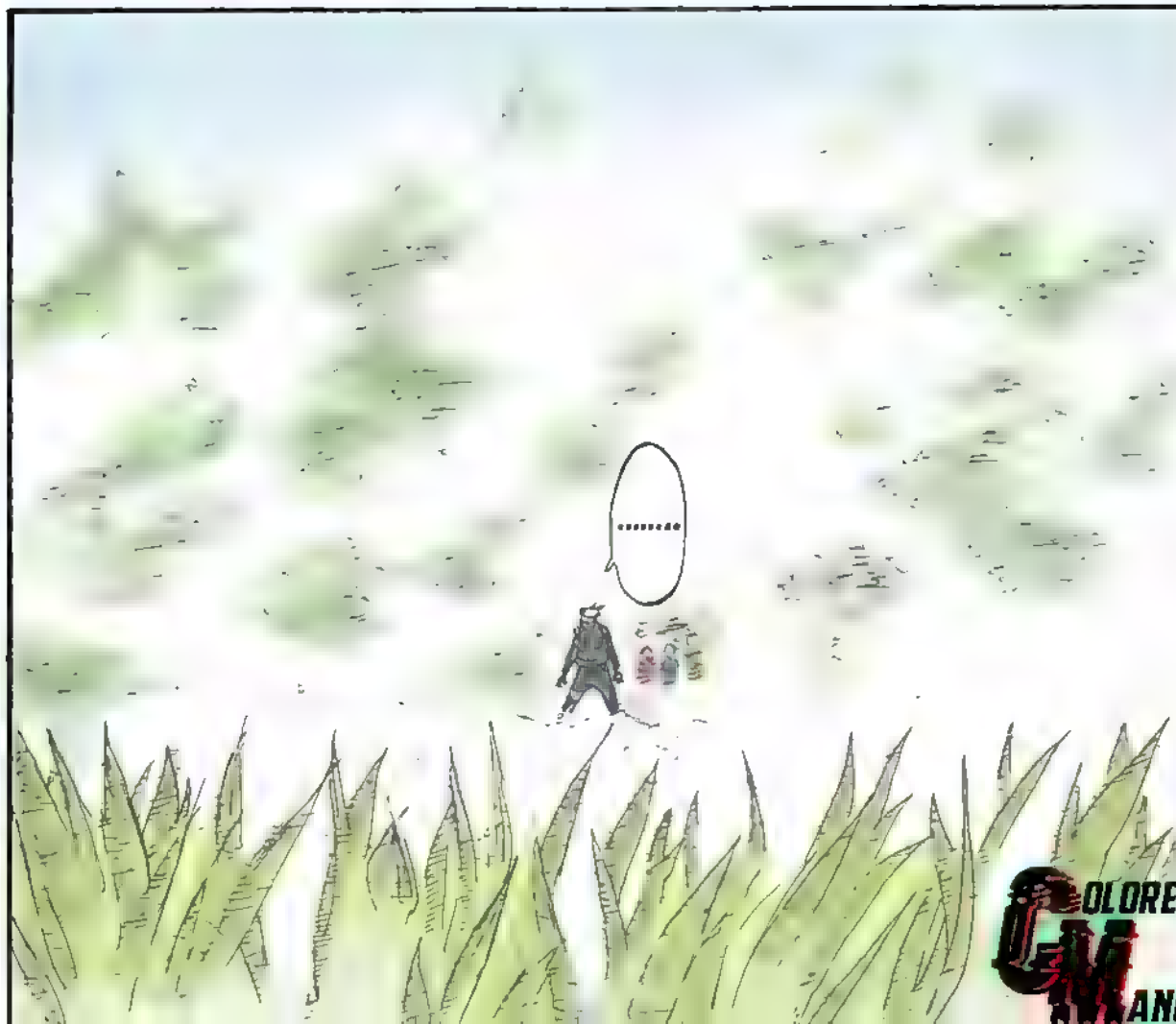
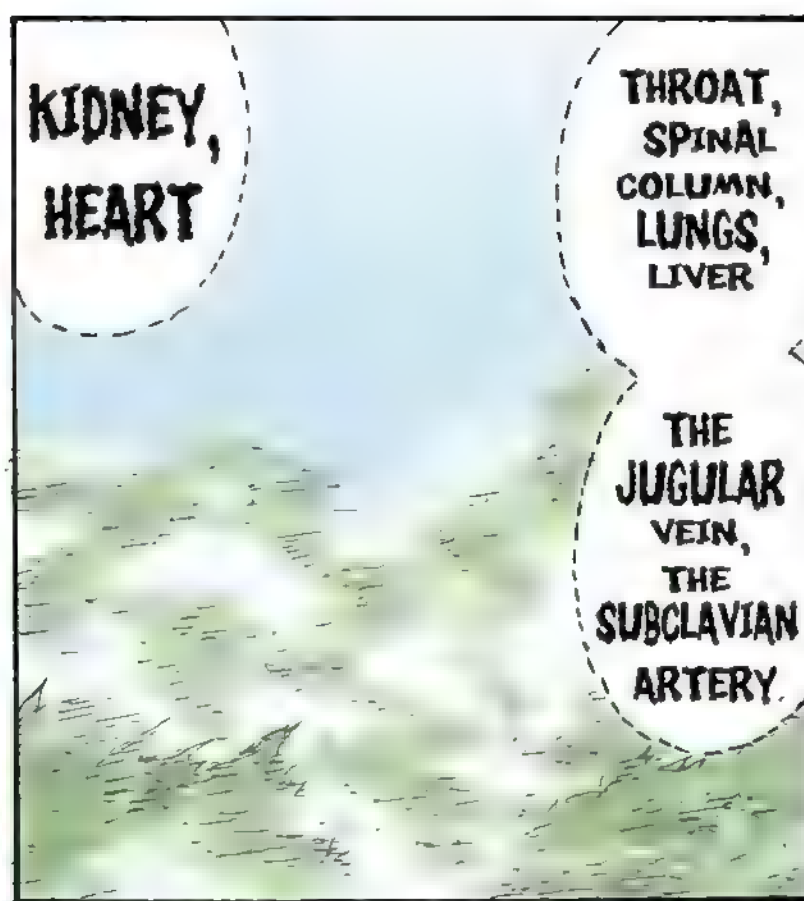
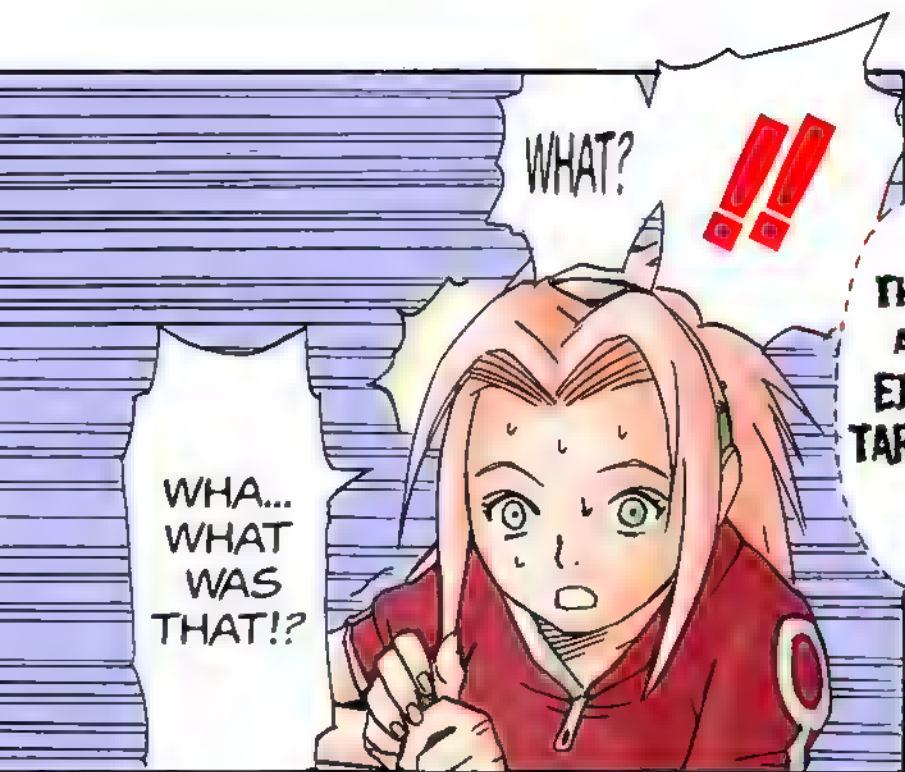
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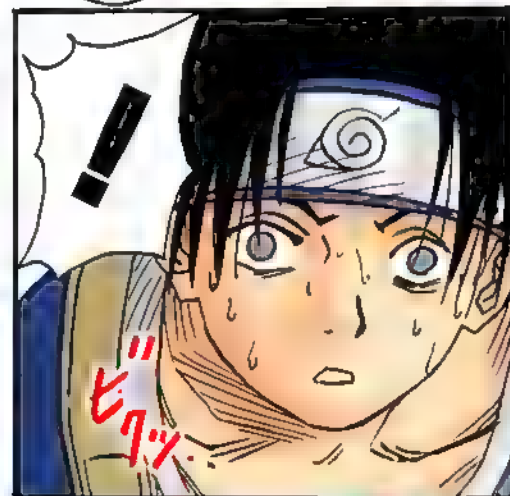
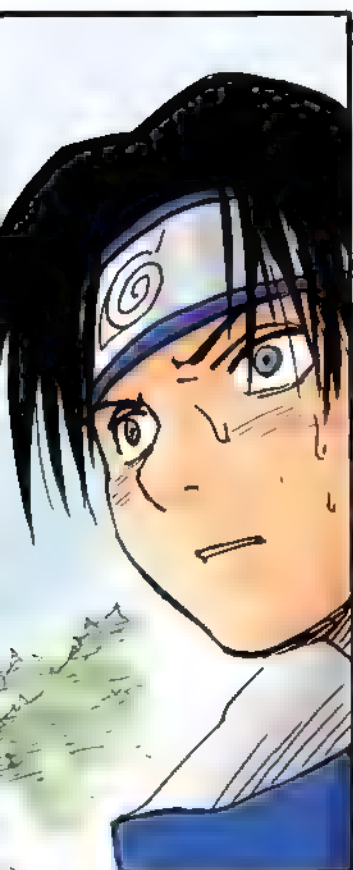
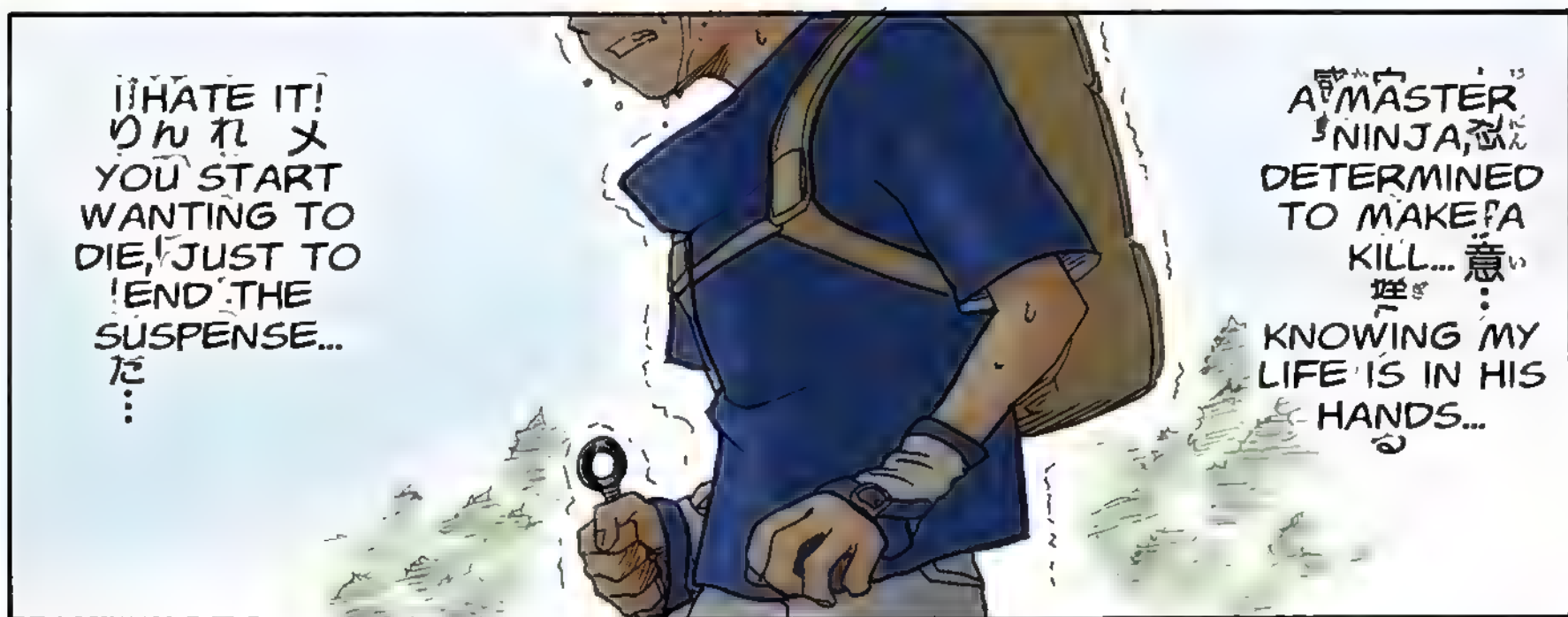
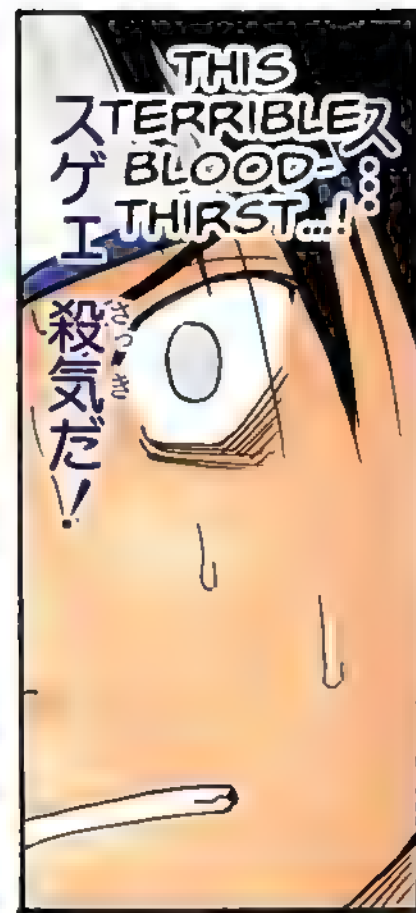


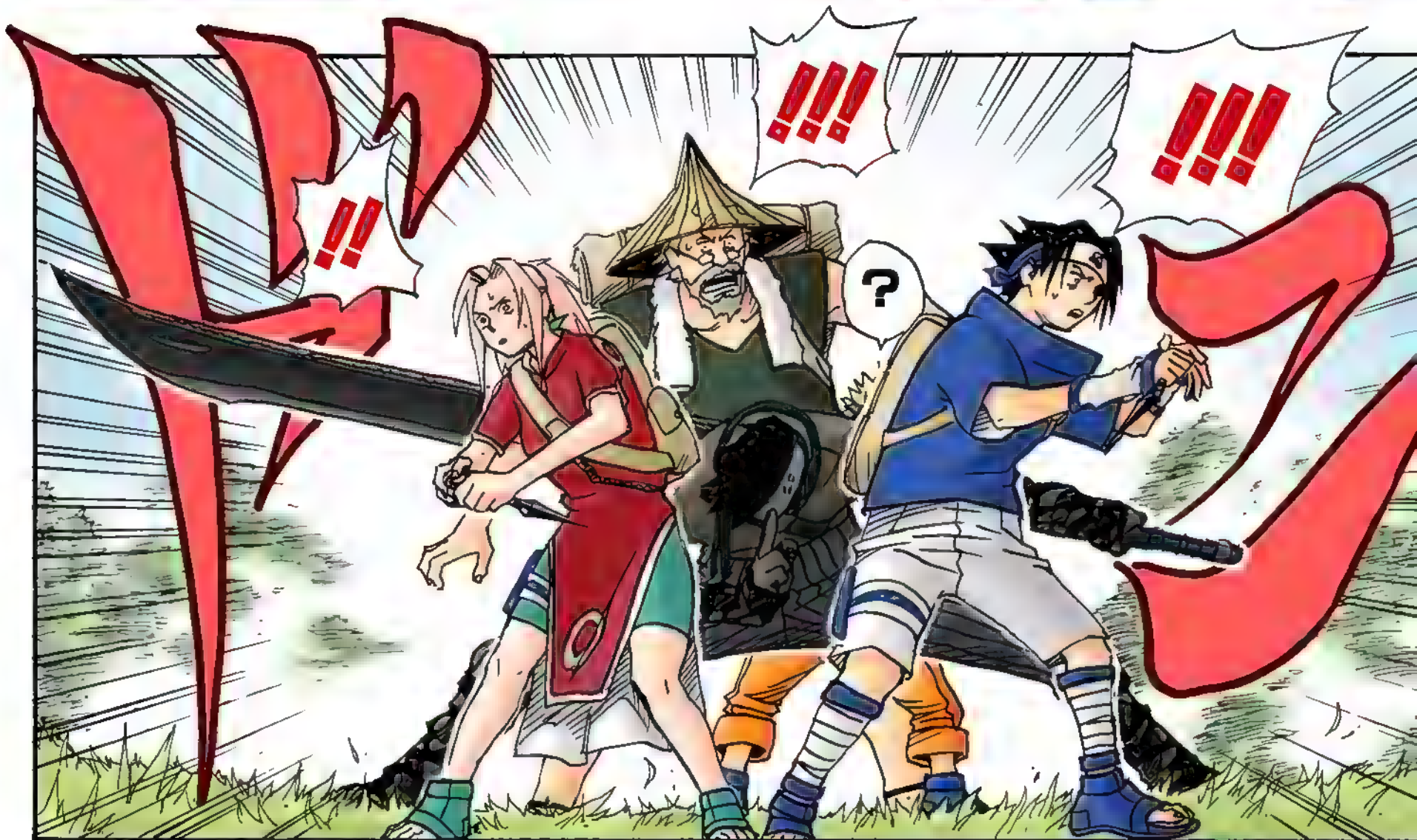
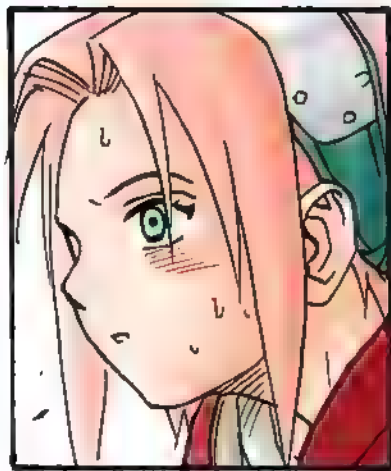


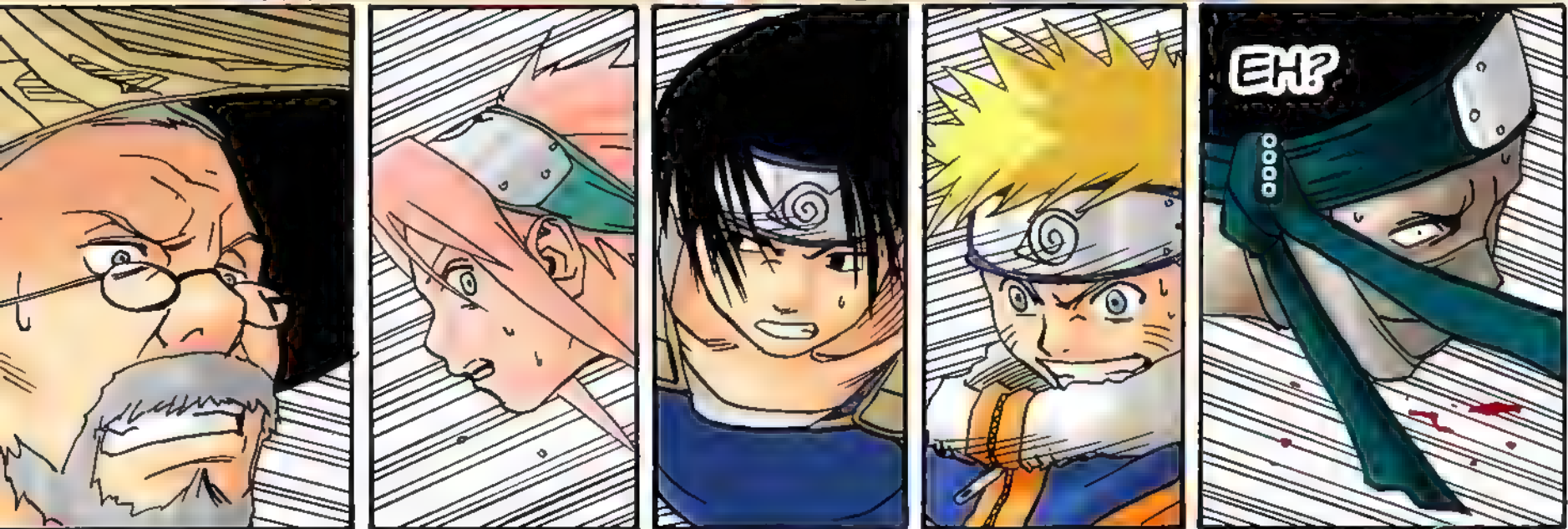
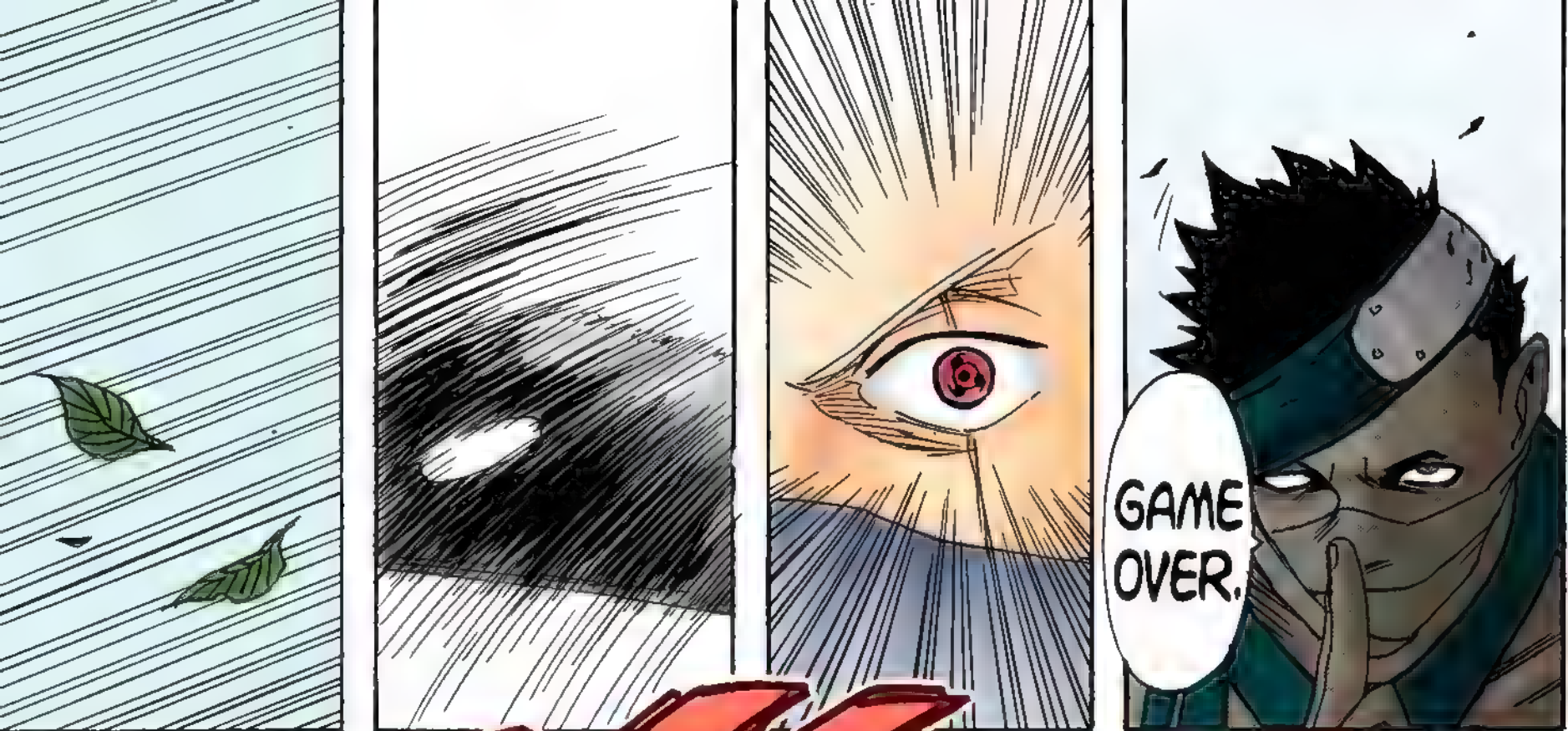


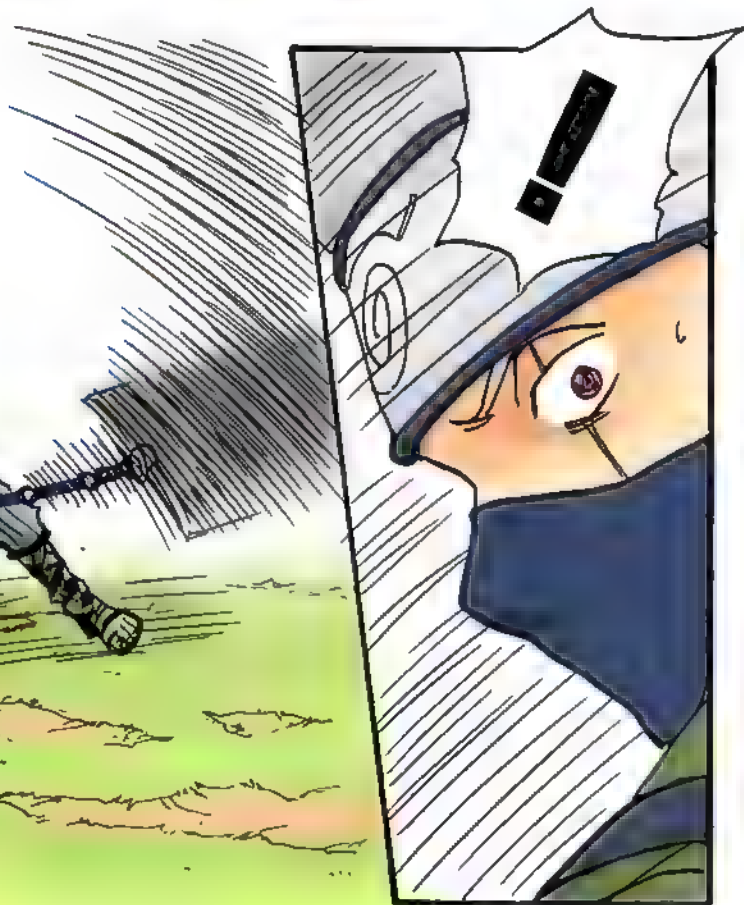
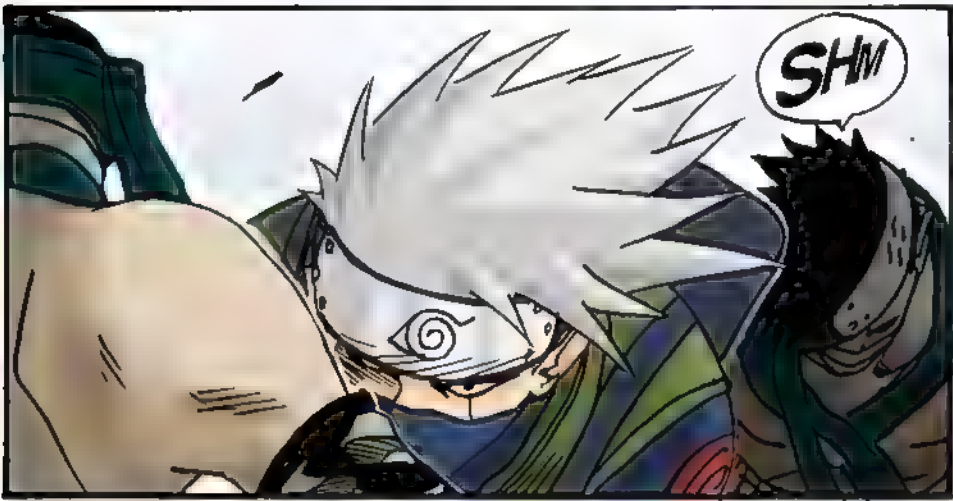
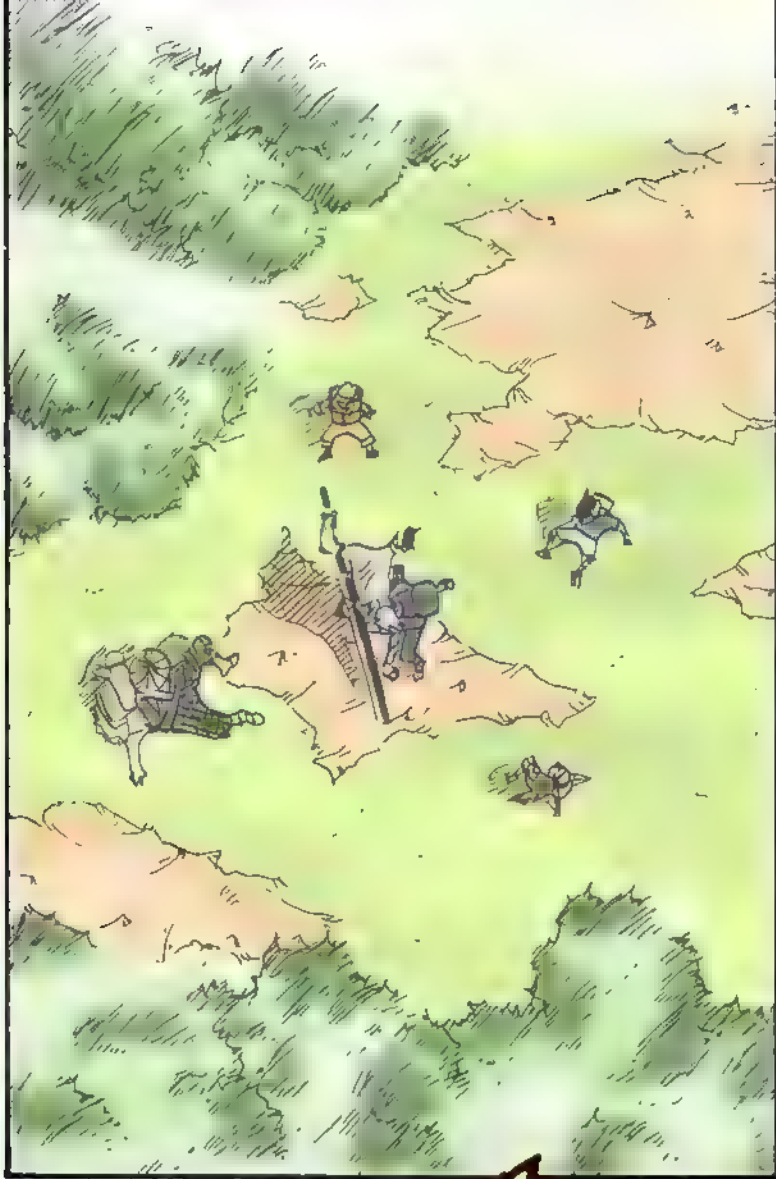
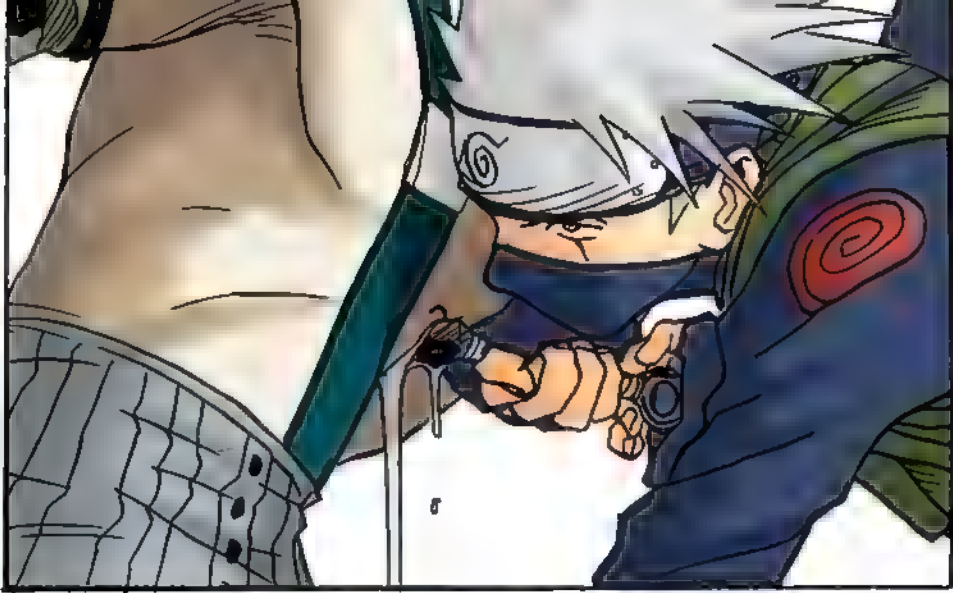


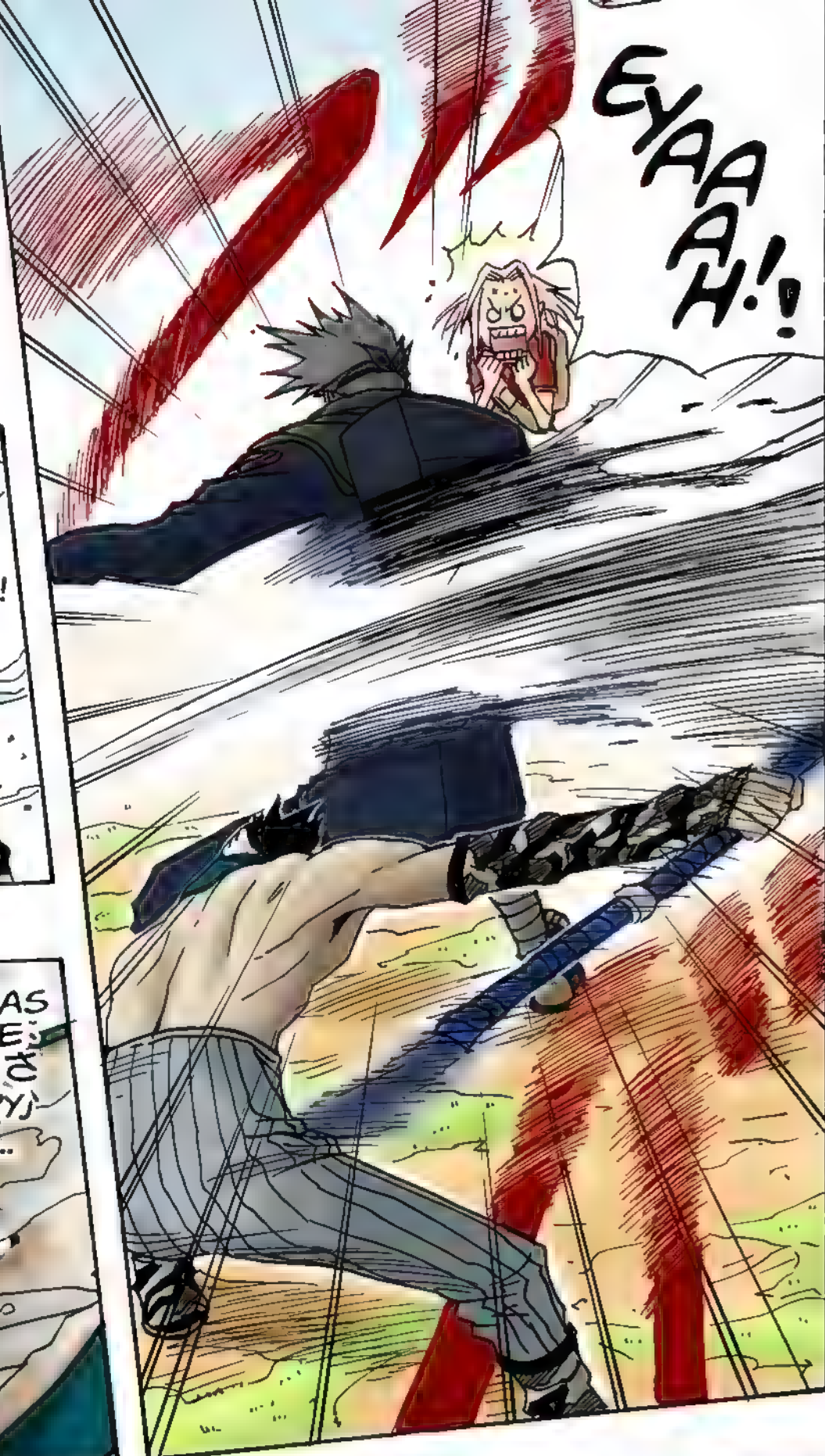


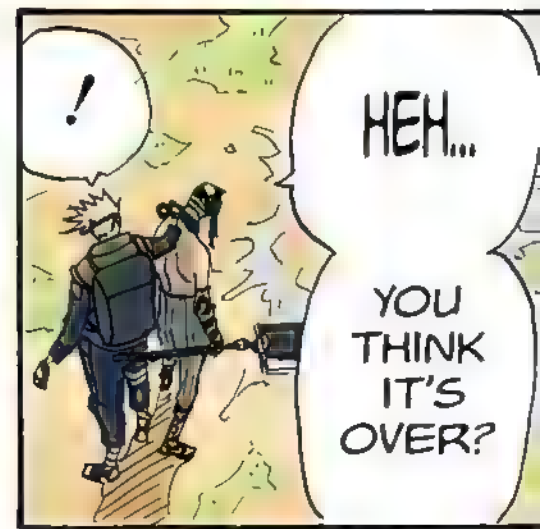
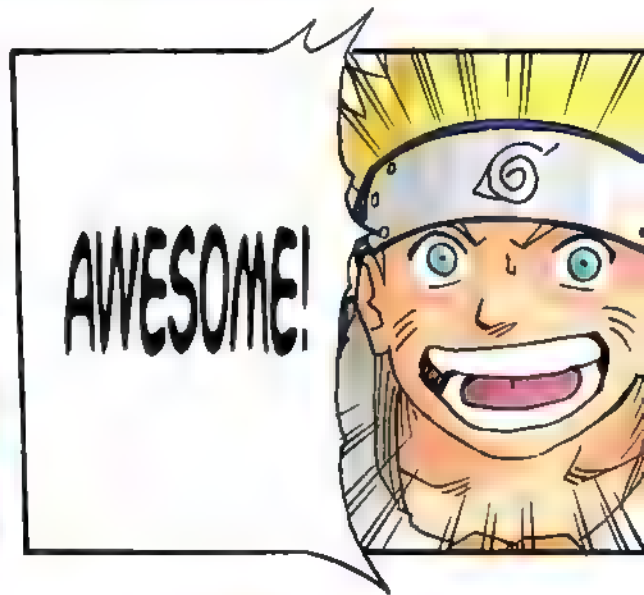
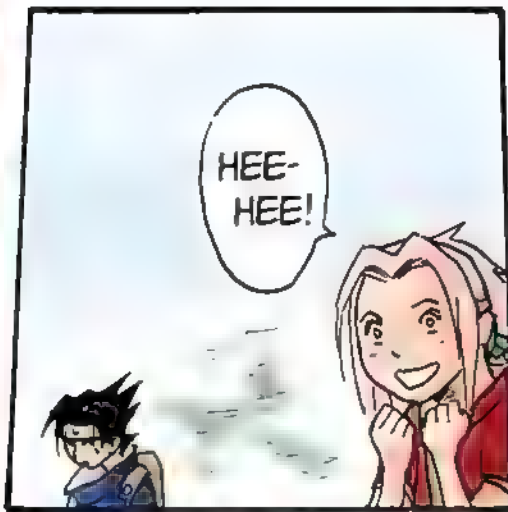














BUT YOU ARE GOOD!

HEH-HEH....

ナンバー 13: 忍者だ!!

NINJA!!



...NEVER LET MY COMRADES DIE!!

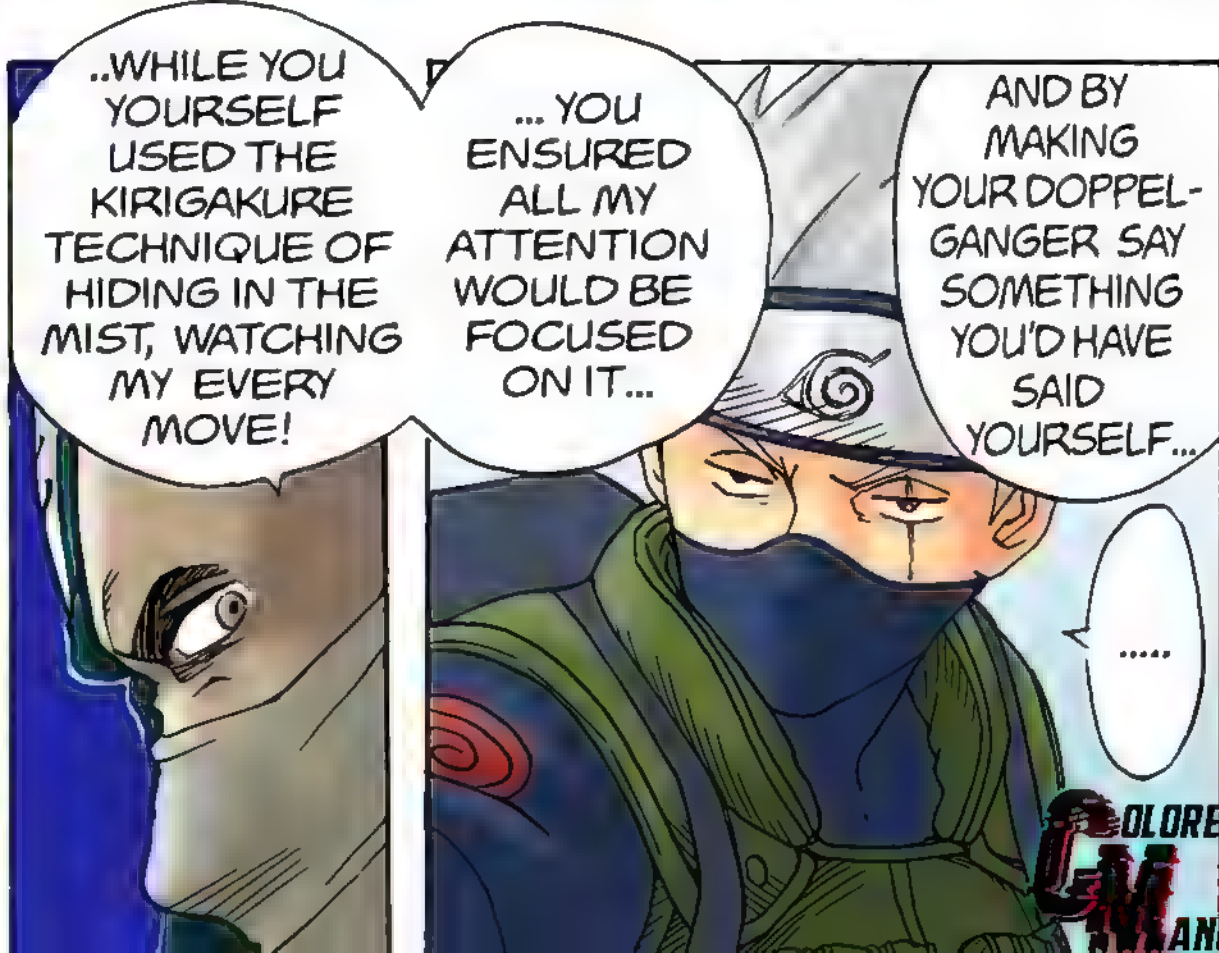
I WILL...

IN THAT SHORT TIME... YOU DUPLICATED MY WATER DOPPELGANGER TECHNIQUE..



TOO BAD FOR YOU...

.....



..WHILE YOU YOURSELF USED THE KIRIGAKURE TECHNIQUE OF HIDING IN THE MIST, WATCHING MY EVERY MOVE!

... YOU ENSURED ALL MY ATTENTION WOULD BE FOCUSED ON IT...

AND BY MAKING YOUR DOPPELGANGER SAY SOMETHING YOU'D HAVE SAID YOURSELF...

.....

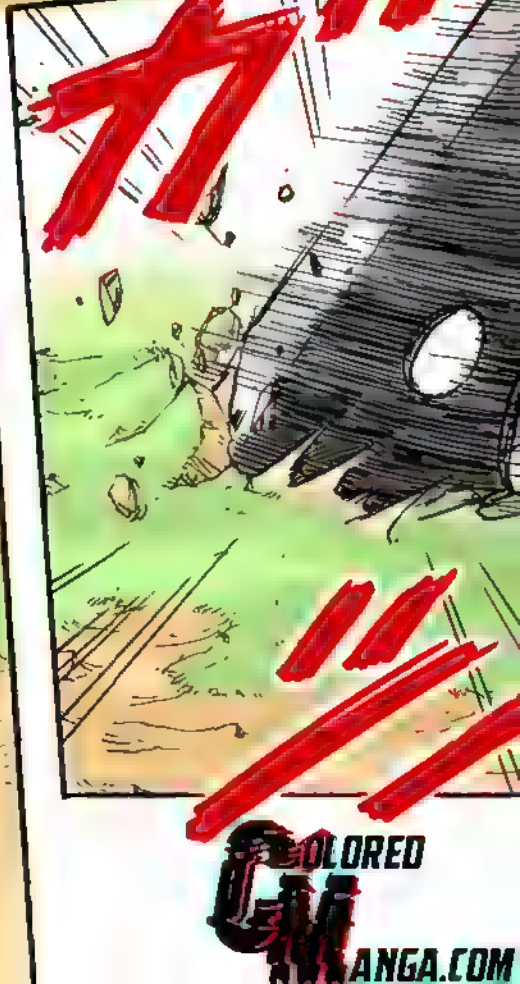
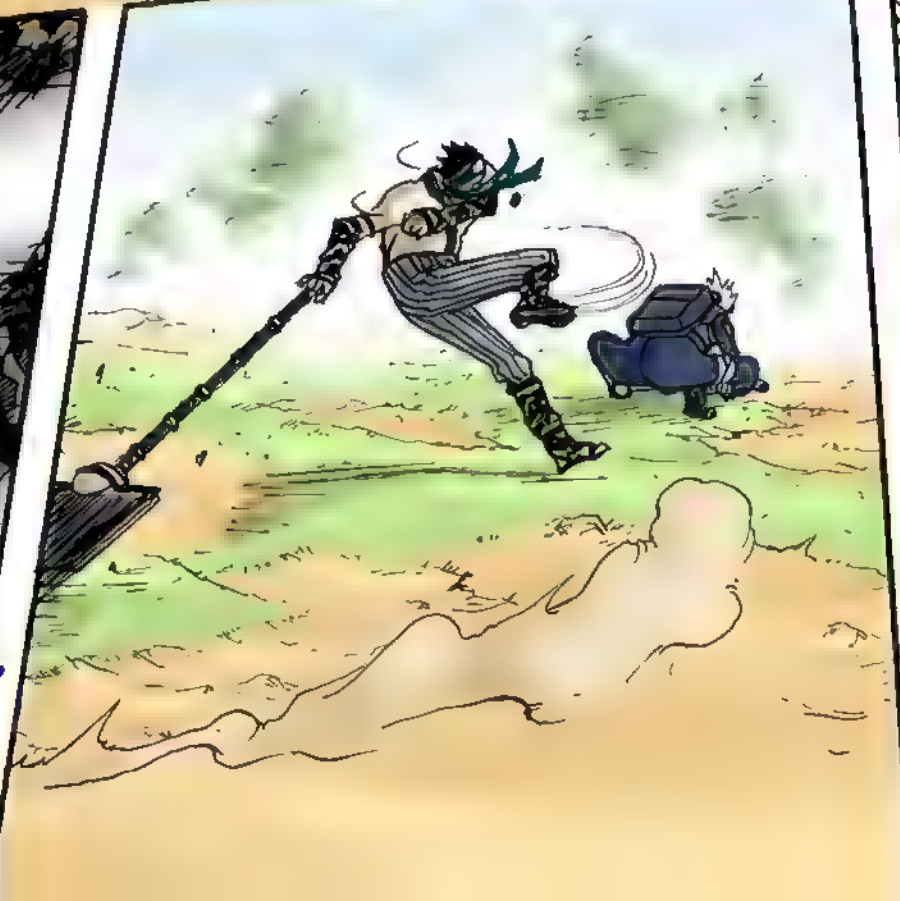
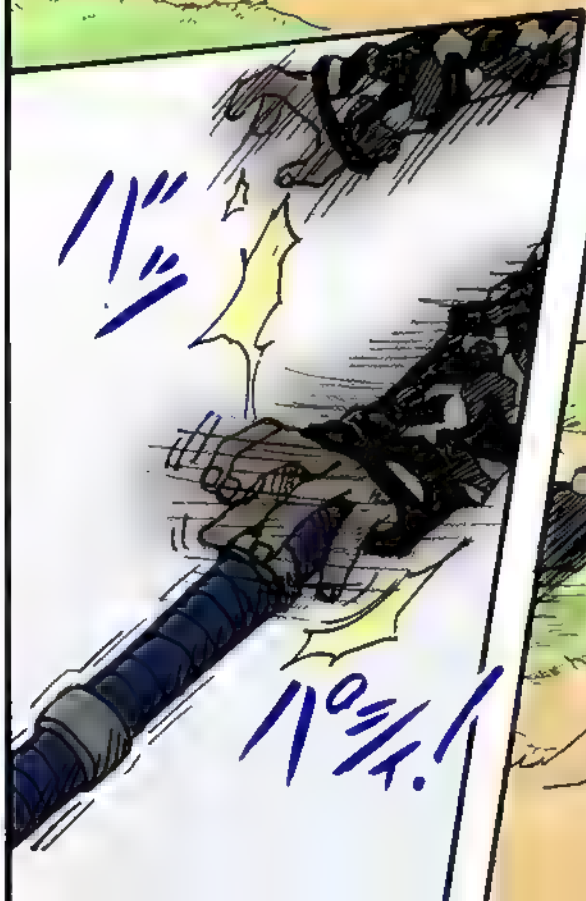
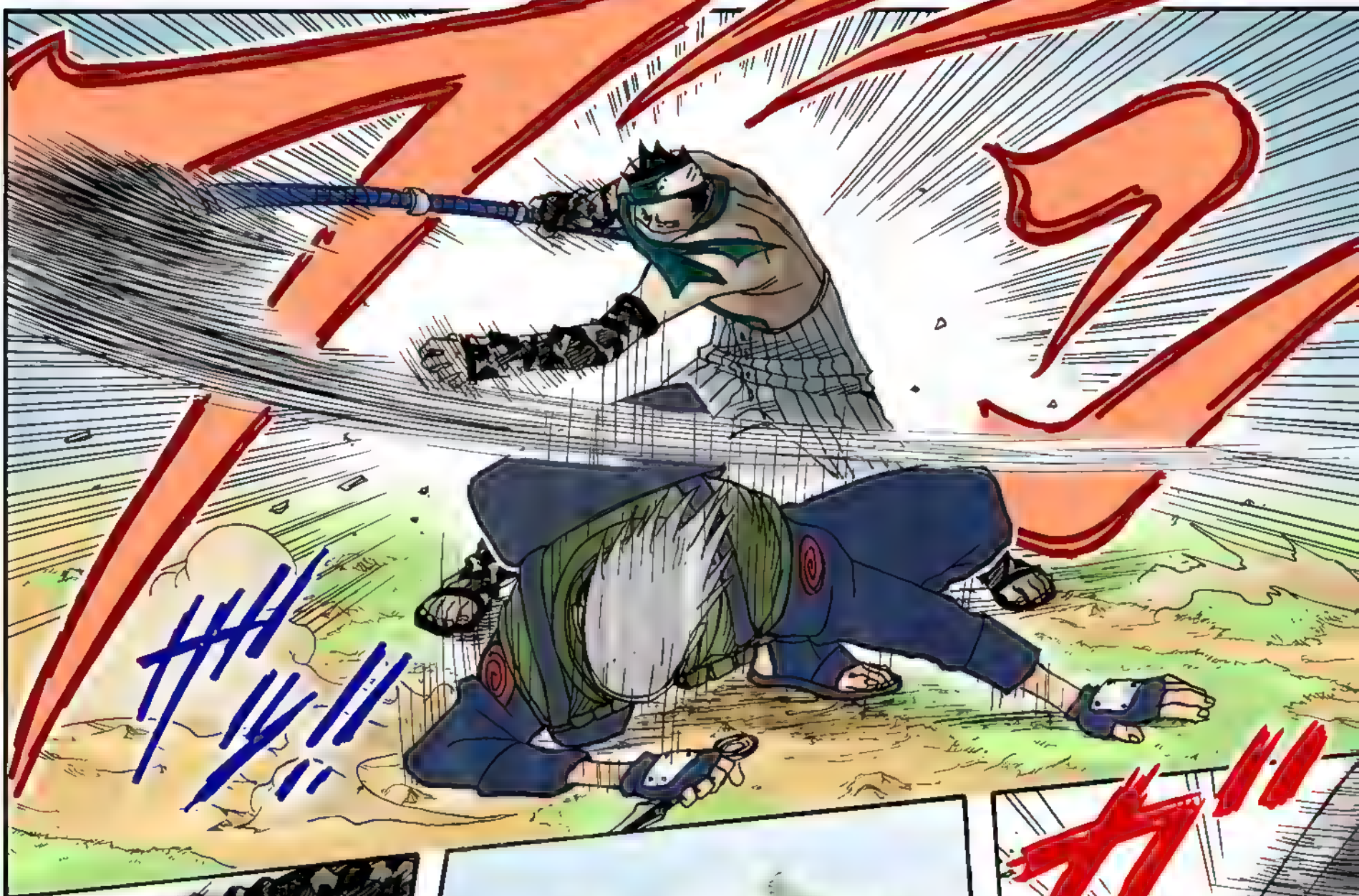


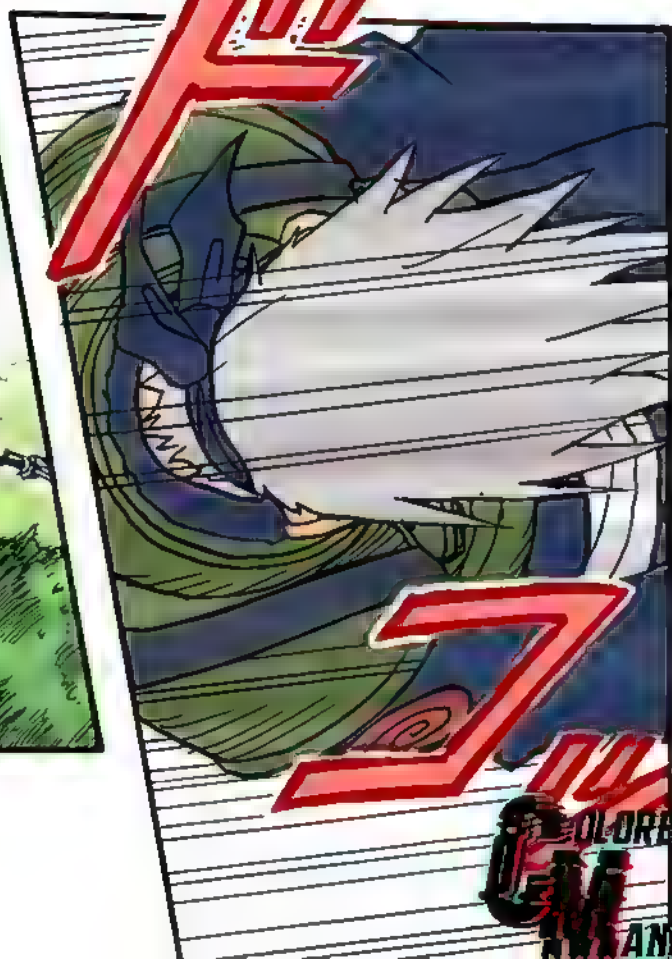
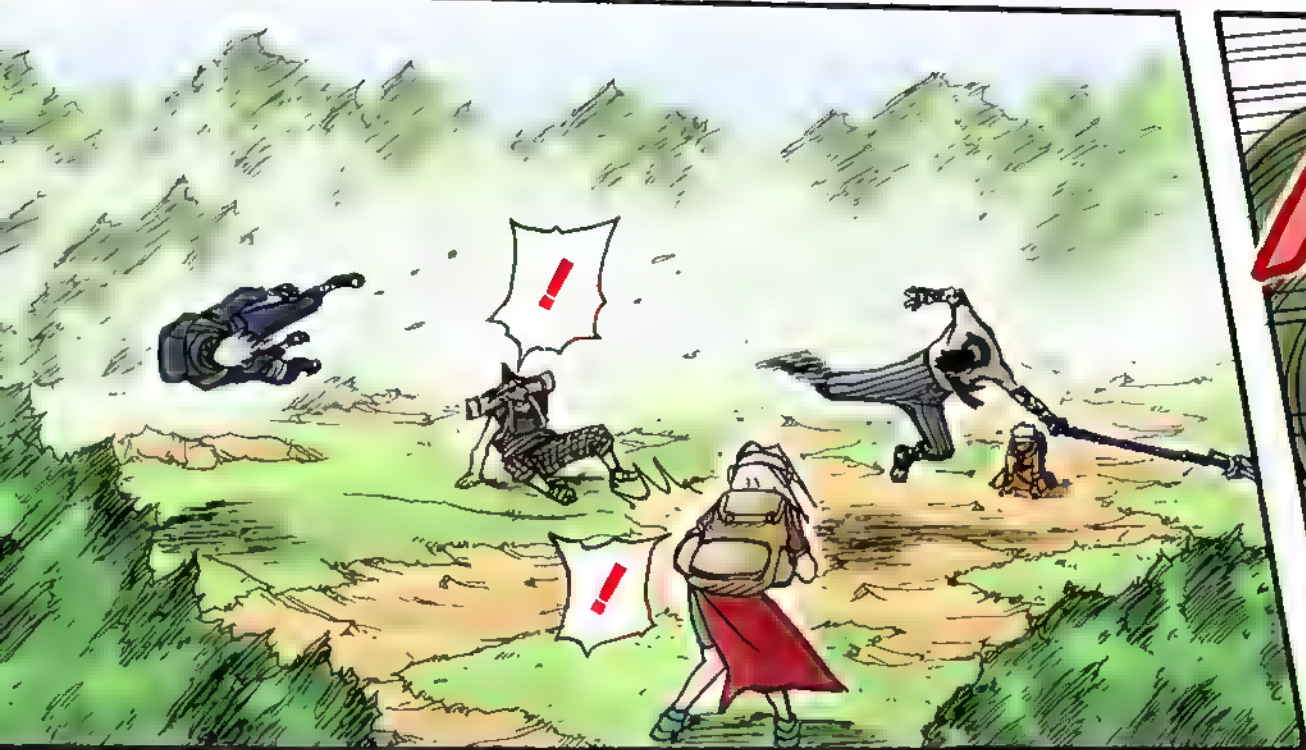
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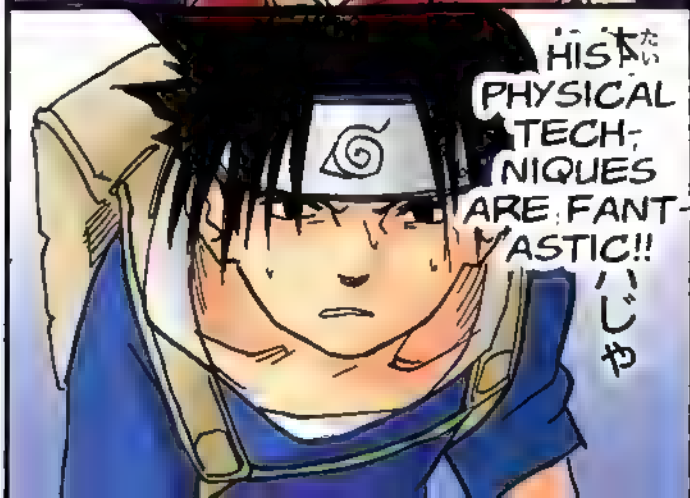
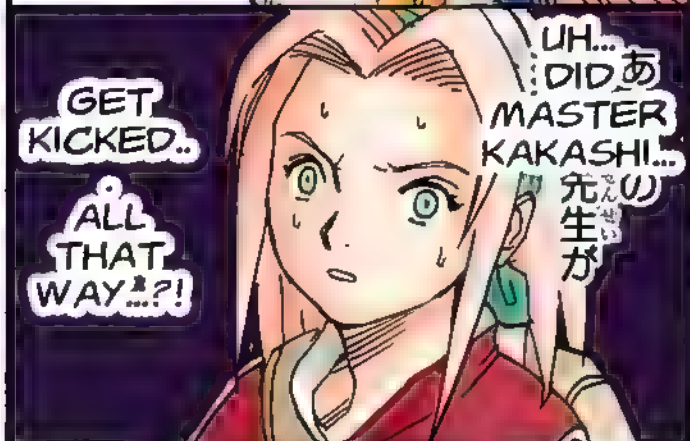
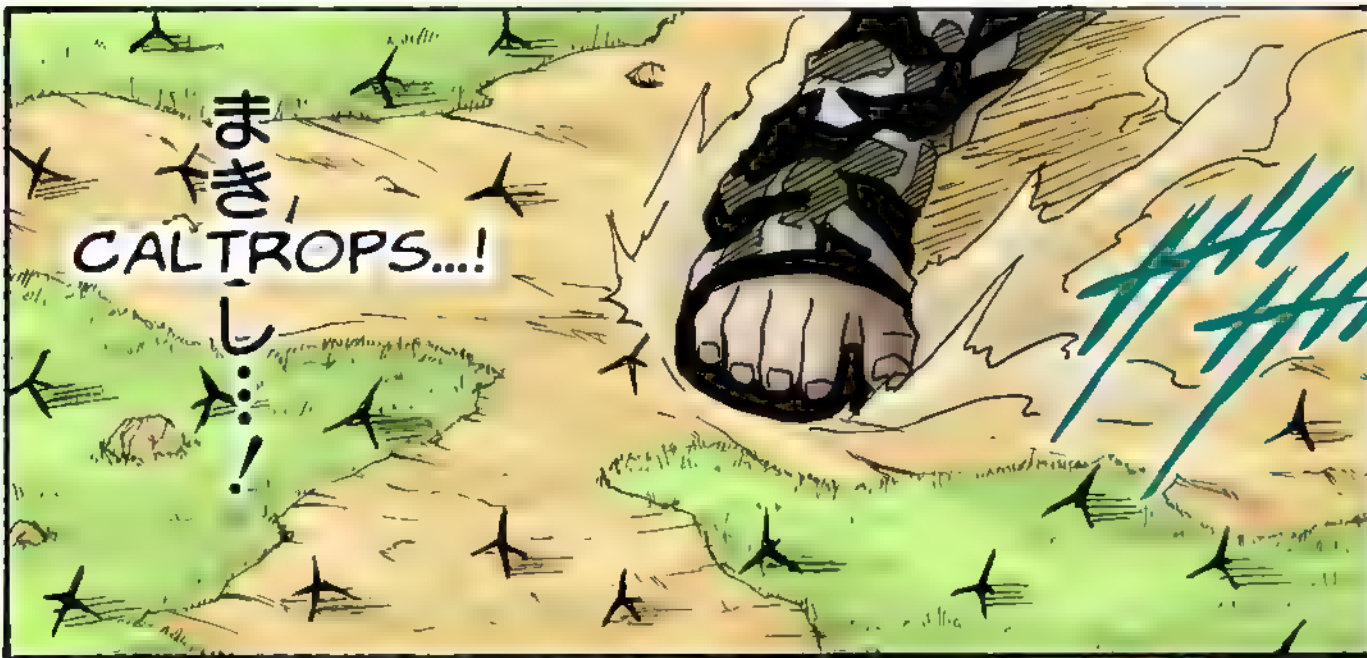
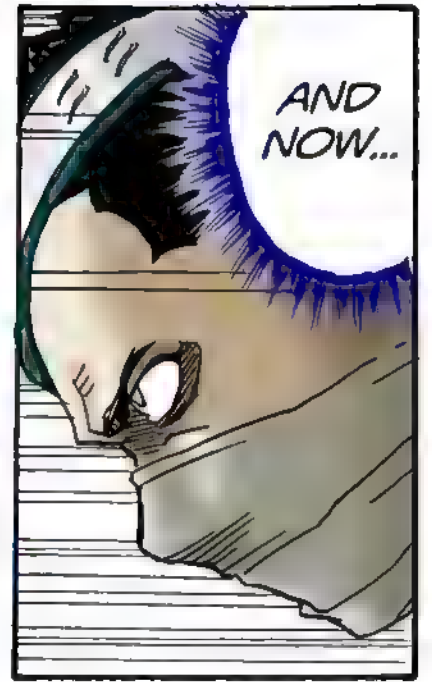
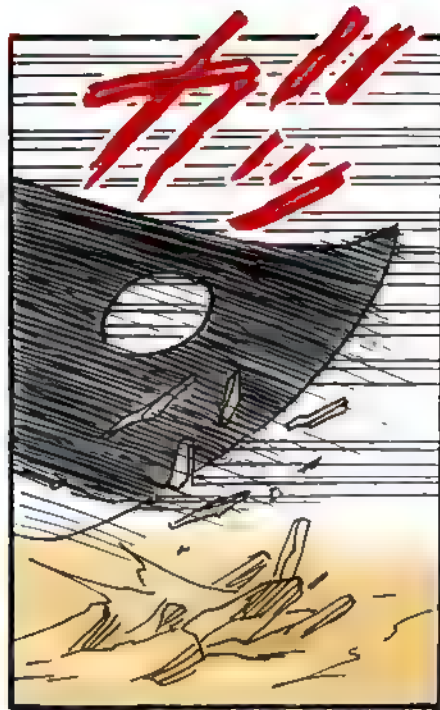
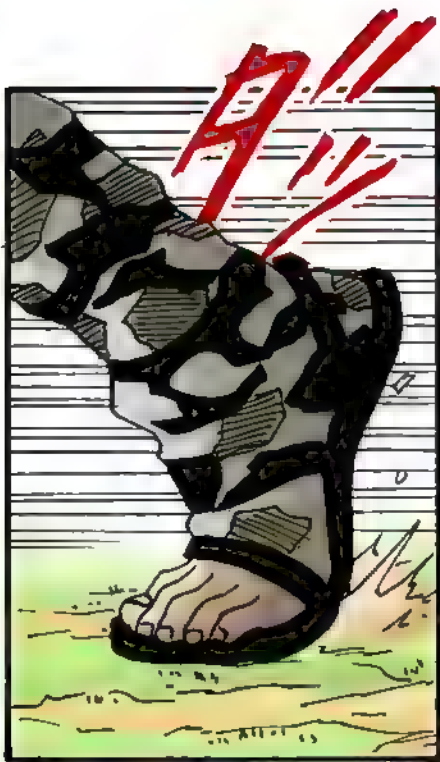
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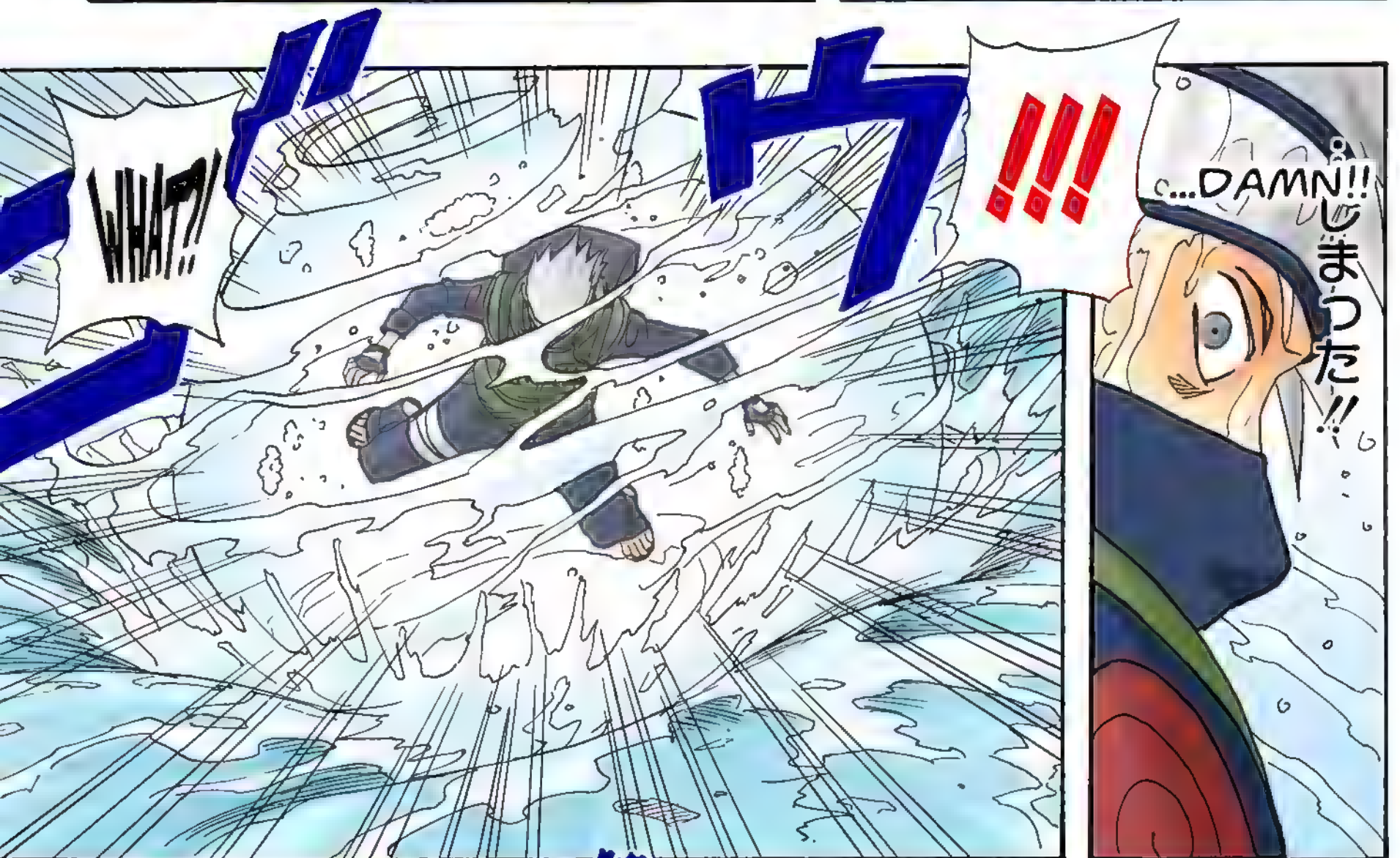
13 : 忍者だ!!











HE VANISHED AGAIN!

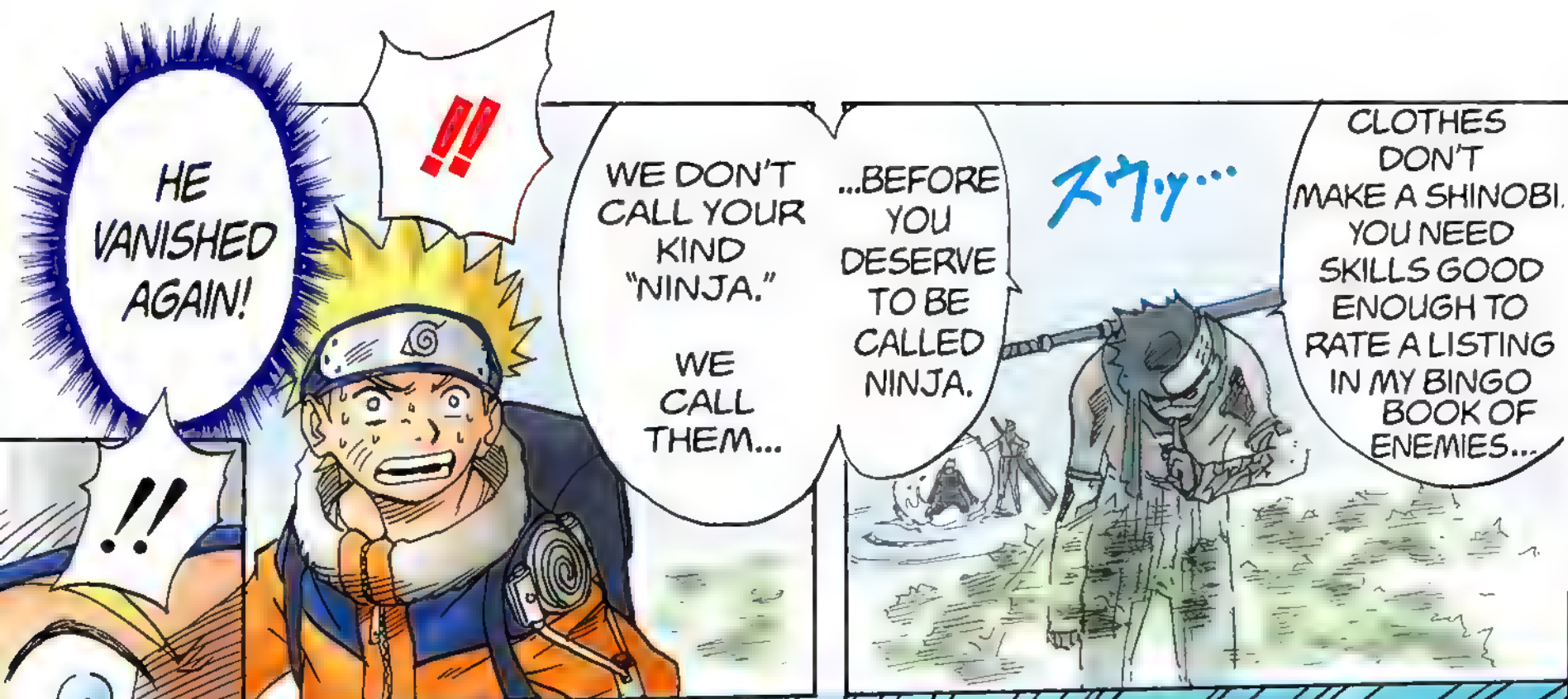
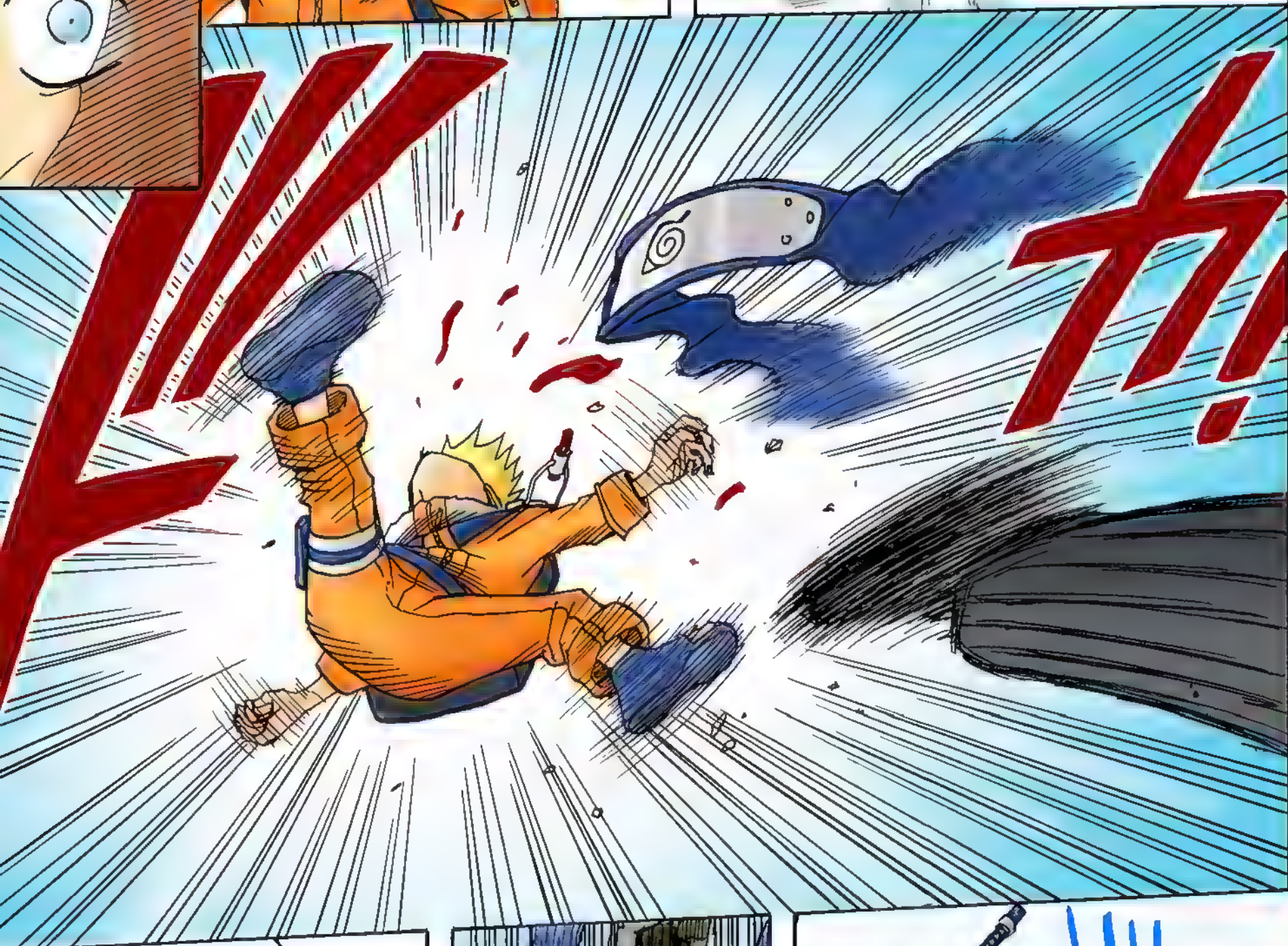
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WE DON'T CALL YOUR KIND "NINJA."
WE CALL THEM...

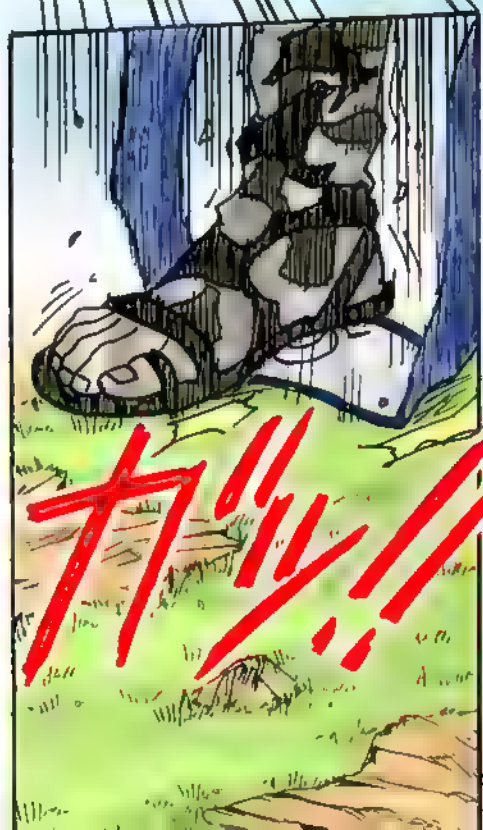
...BEFORE YOU DESERVE TO BE CALLED NINJA.

スグッ...

CLOTHES DON'T MAKE A SHINOBI. YOU NEED SKILLS GOOD ENOUGH TO RATE A LISTING IN MY BINGO BOOK OF ENEMIES...

A panel showing Naruto Uzumaki with a shocked expression, his mouth open. To his right, a Shinobi with a headband and a long sword on his back is speaking. The background is a simple landscape with some trees and a small building.A large action panel showing a massive impact. A large, dark, swirling mass of energy or a giant hand is striking the ground. Naruto is being thrown back by the force of the impact, flying through the air. Large red 'X' marks and motion lines emphasize the power of the attack.

NARUTO!!!

A panel showing Sasuke Uchiha and Sakura Haruno in the background, looking towards the scene. Sasuke is on the left, wearing his blue shirt and headband. Sakura is on the right, wearing her pink dress and headband. They are both looking concerned.A close-up panel showing a Shinobi's foot stepping down. The foot is wearing a sandal and a headband. Red motion lines and impact marks are shown around the foot, indicating a powerful landing.A panel showing a Shinobi in a grey robe attacking Naruto. The Shinobi is in a dynamic pose, with one leg extended forward, ready to strike. Naruto is on the ground, looking up in surprise. Blue motion lines and impact marks are shown around the Shinobi's leg.



IF HE
WANTS TO
HOLD ME
IN THIS
WATER
PRISON,
HE CAN'T
LEAVE
THIS
PLACE.

EVERYONE,
LISTEN!
TAKE
TAZUNA
AND
GO!!!

IT'S
A
FIGHT
YOU
CAN'T
WIN!!!



UNH!

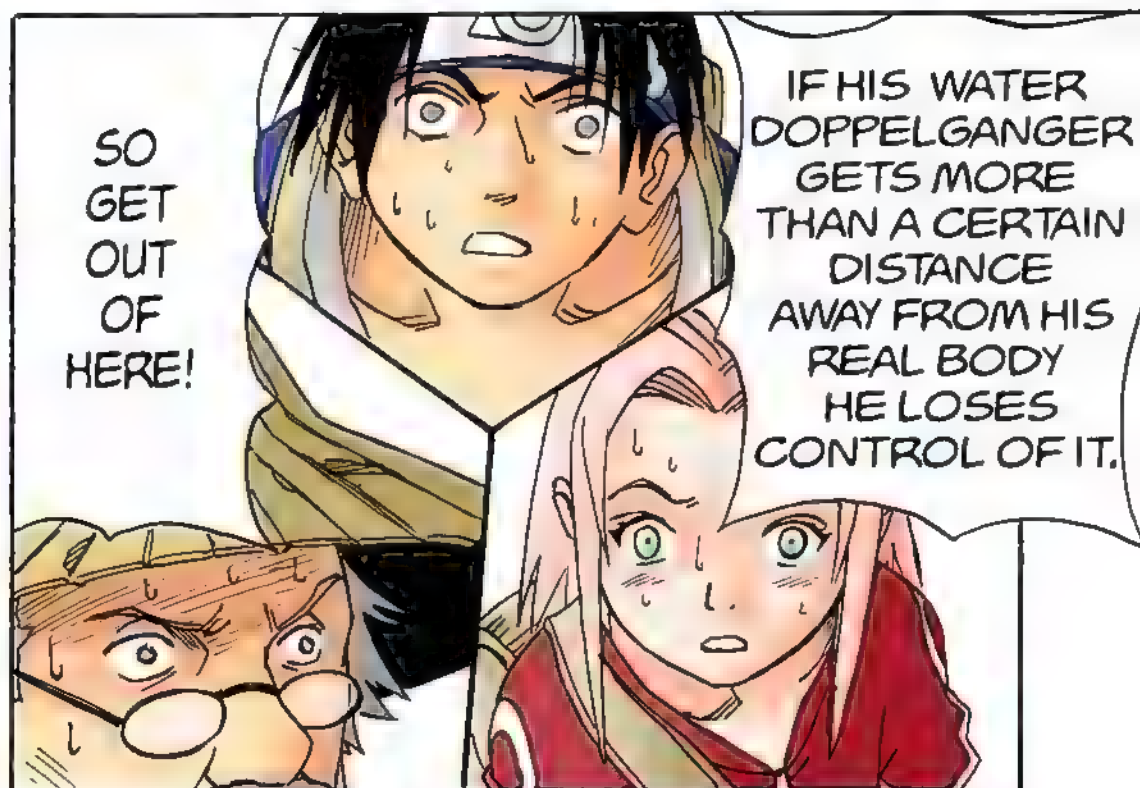
...BRATS.



I HAVE
TO GET
AWAY...
まきや...

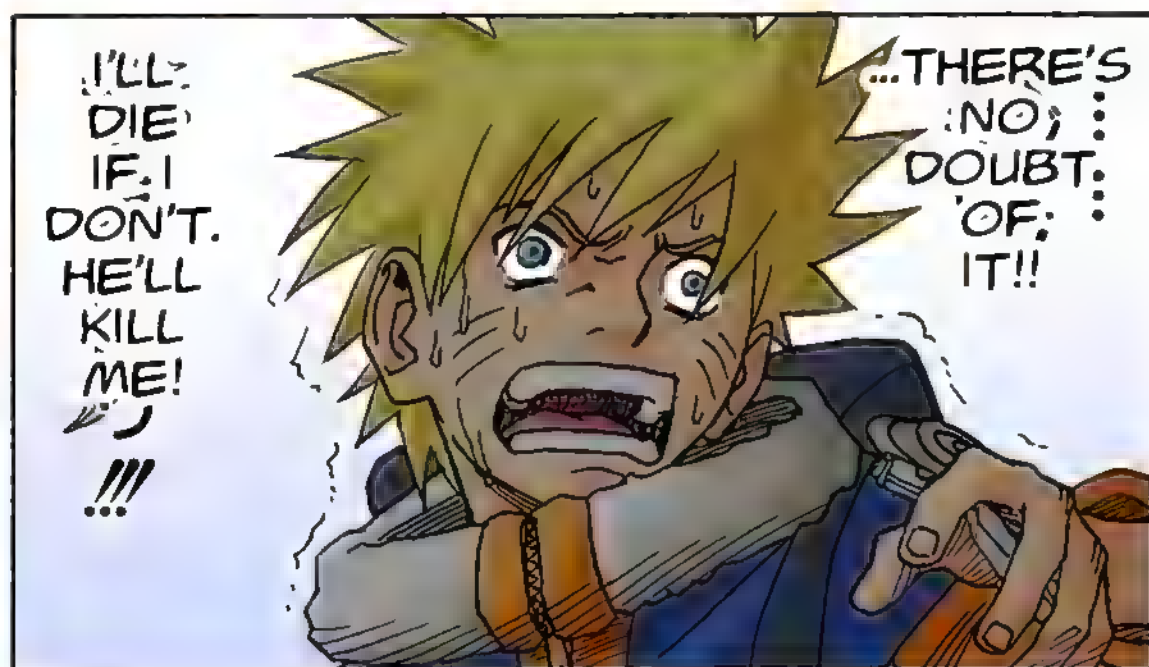
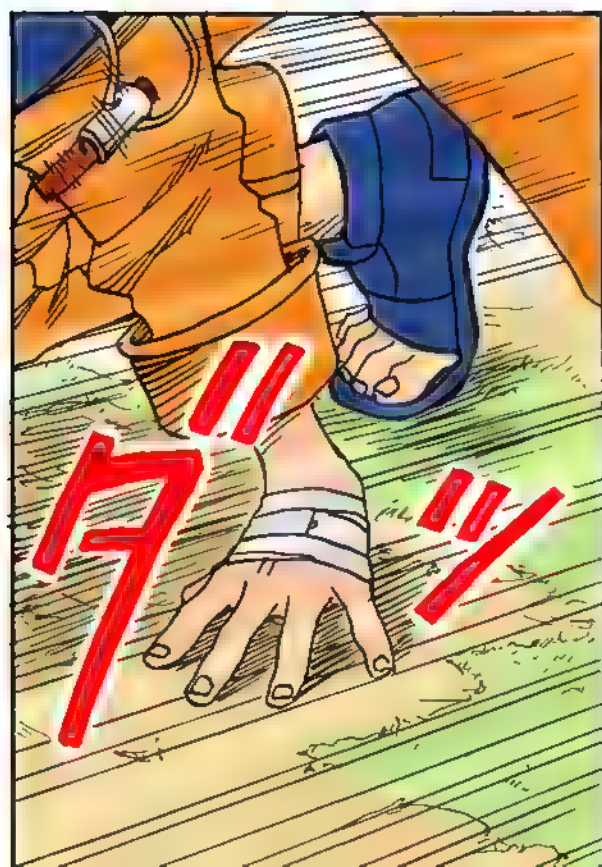
...HE'S
AN
ELITE
NINJA.
A REAL
ELITE
NINJA...
忍者

I
CAN'T
JUST
LIE
HERE.



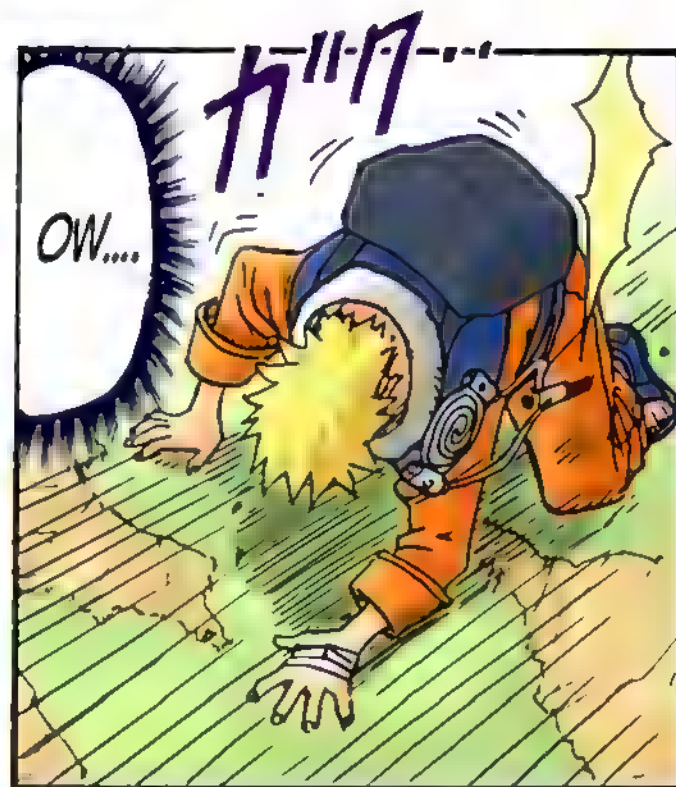
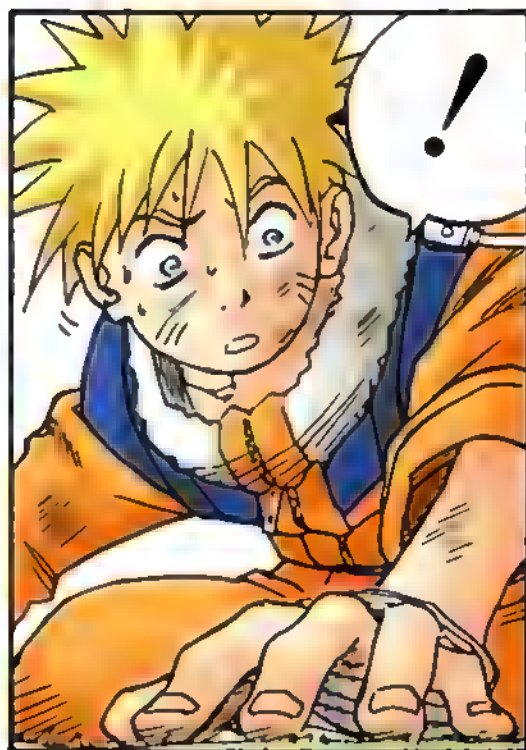
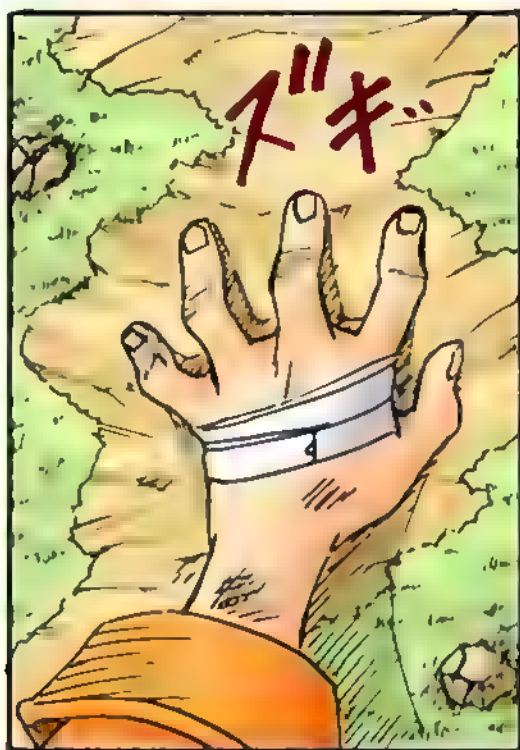
SO
GET
OUT
OF
HERE!

IF HIS WATER
DOPPELGANGER
GETS MORE
THAN A CERTAIN
DISTANCE
AWAY FROM HIS
REAL BODY
HE LOSES
CONTROL OF IT.

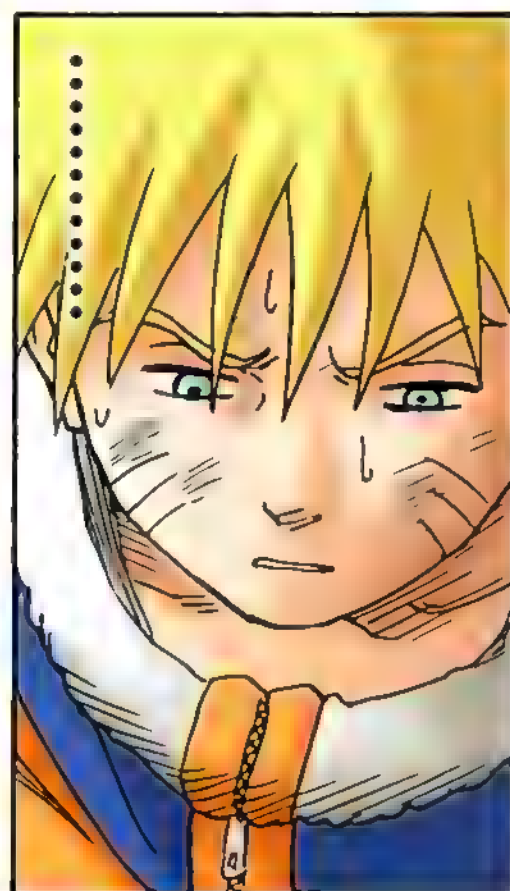


I'LL
DIE
IF I
DON'T.
HE'LL
KILL
ME!
!!!

...THERE'S
NO
DOUBT
OF
IT!!



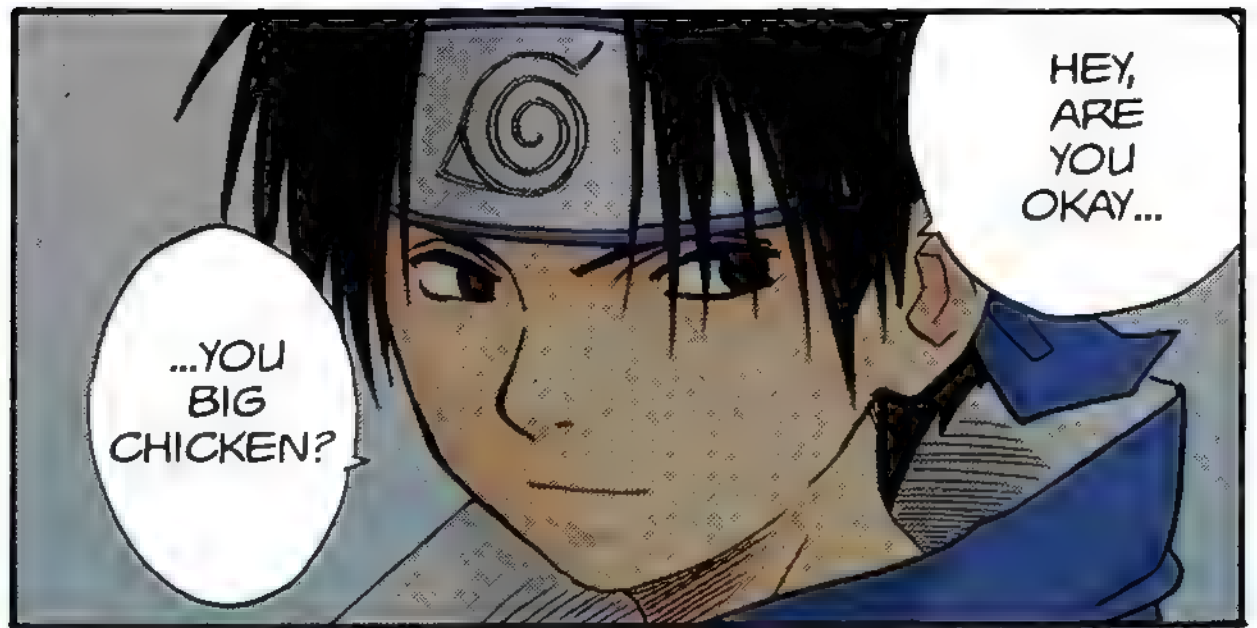
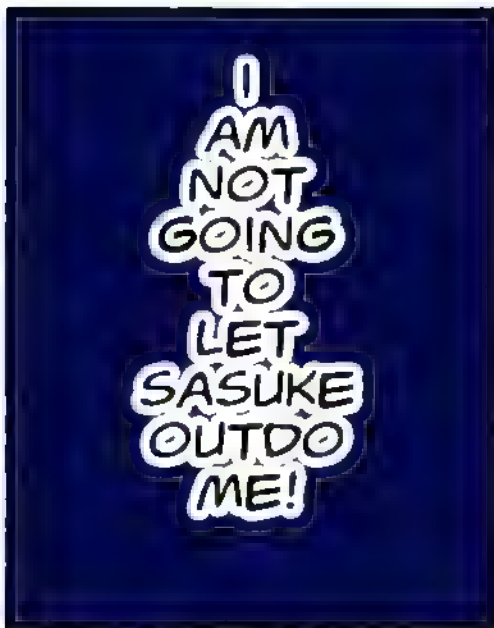
I SWEAR
BY THE
PAIN IN
MY LEFT
HAND...!

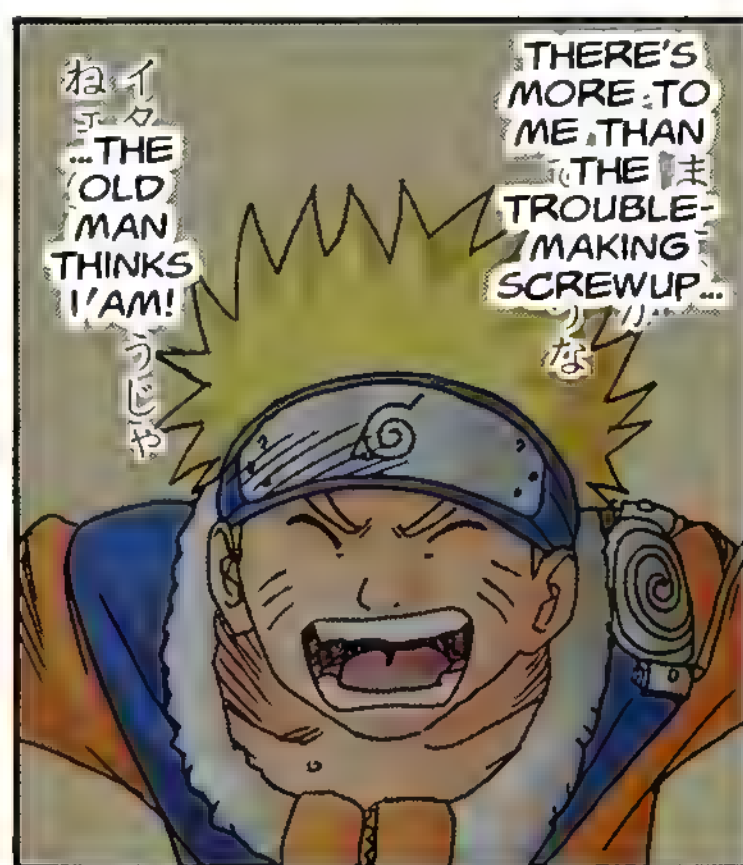
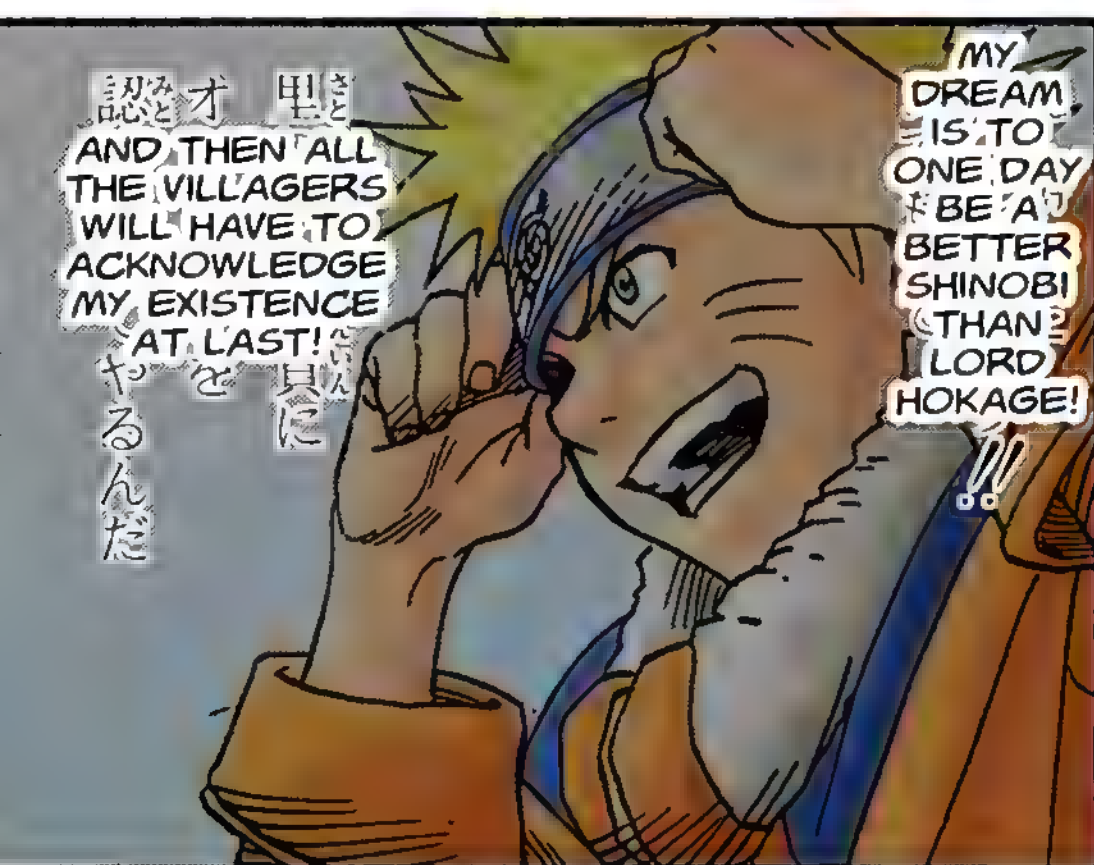
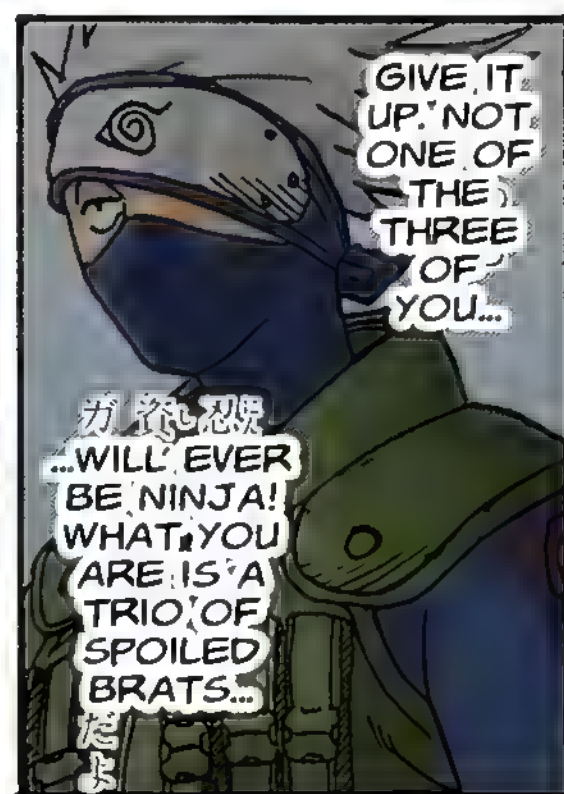
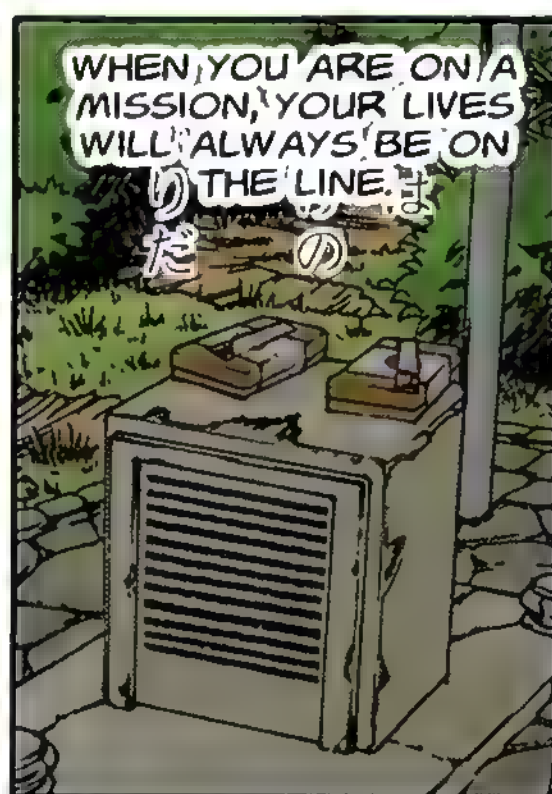
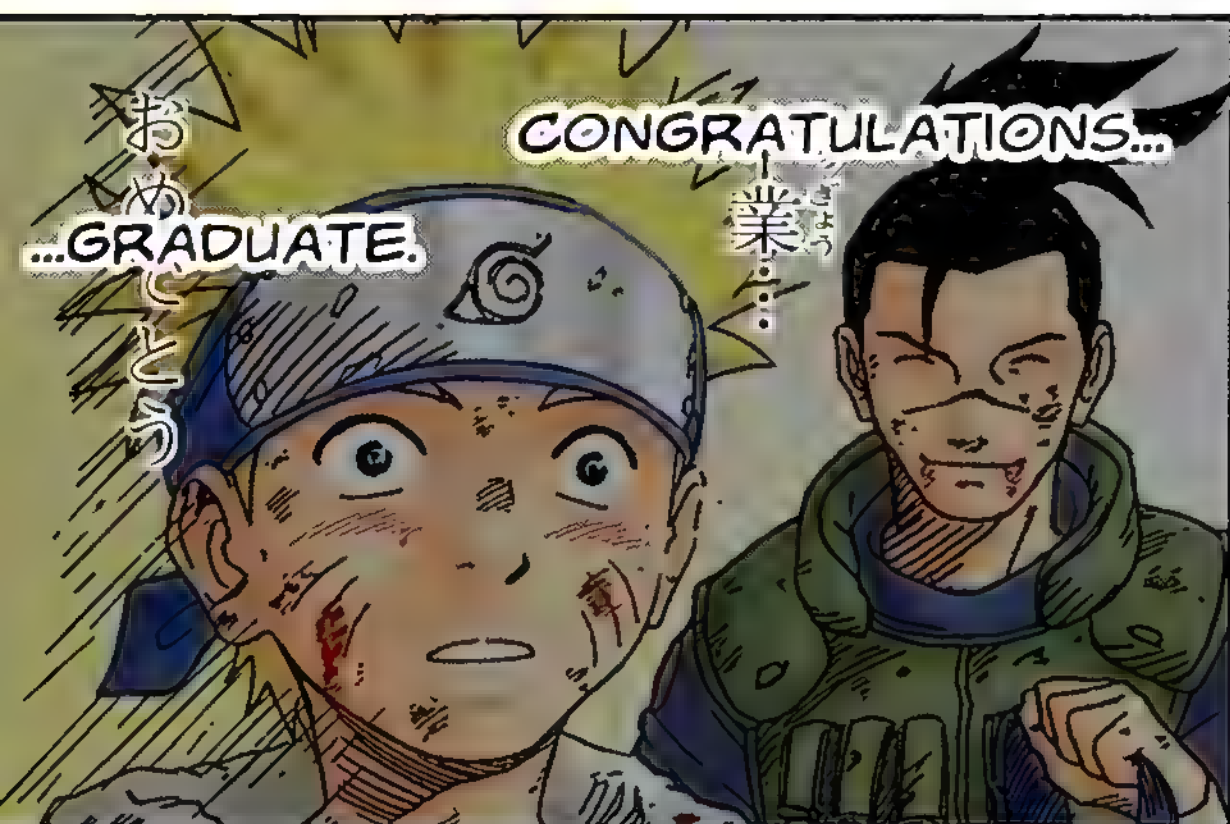


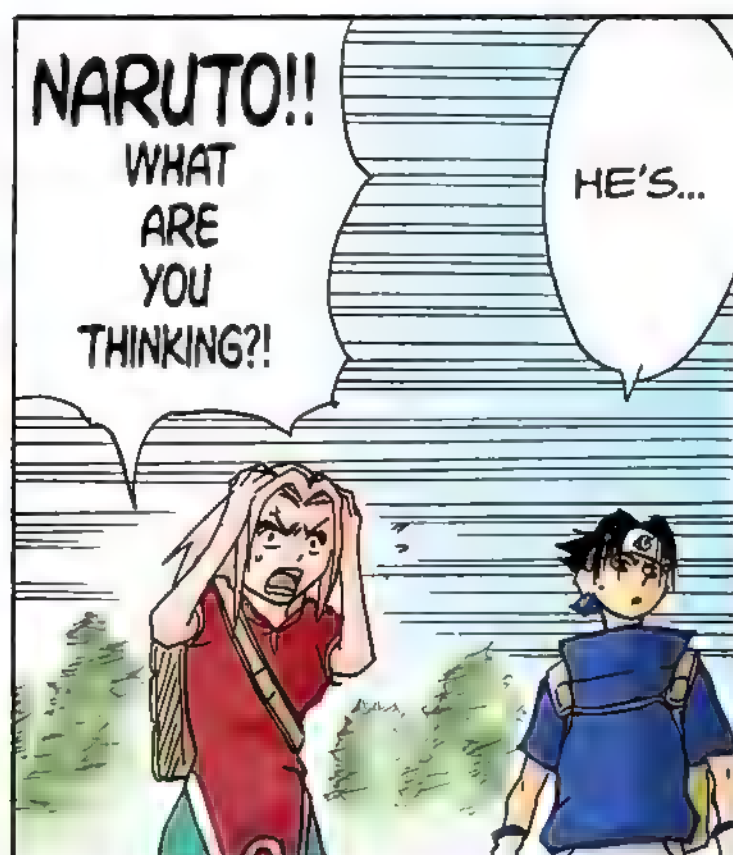
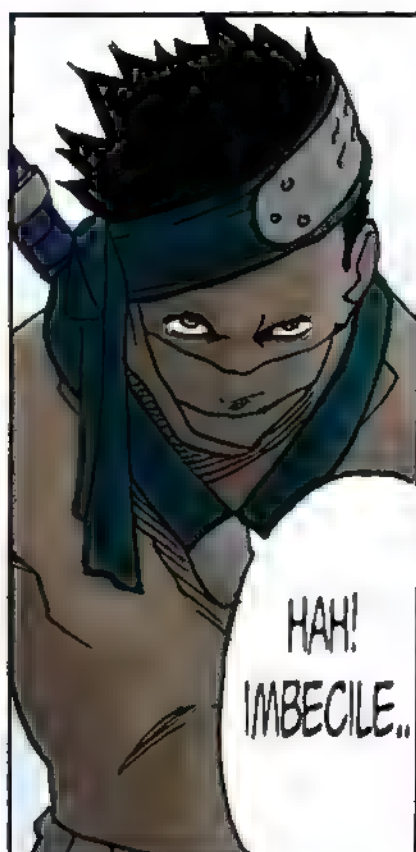
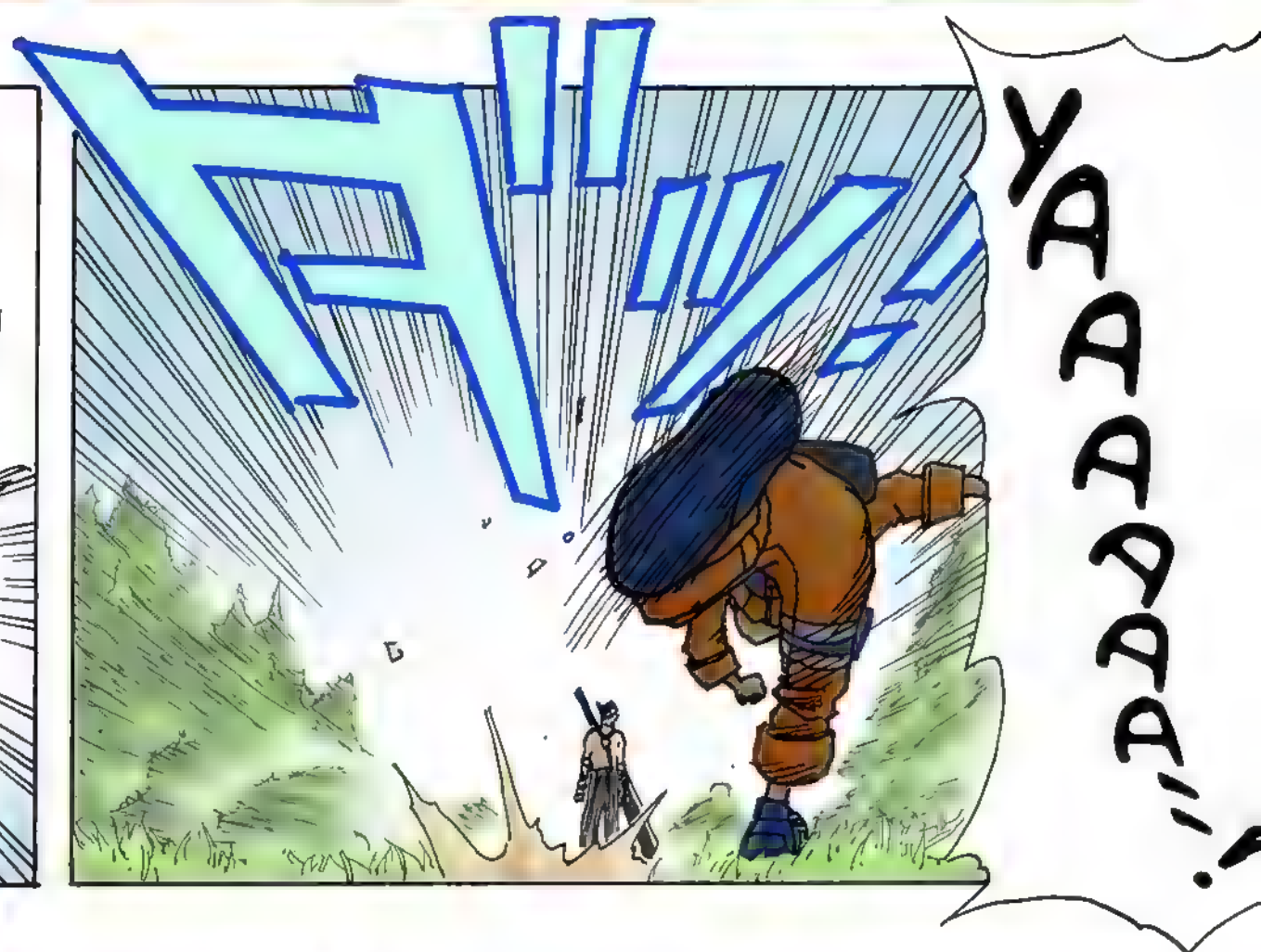
I'M NOT
GOING TO
BE THE
ONE WHO
HANGS
BACK OR
FREEZES
UP...

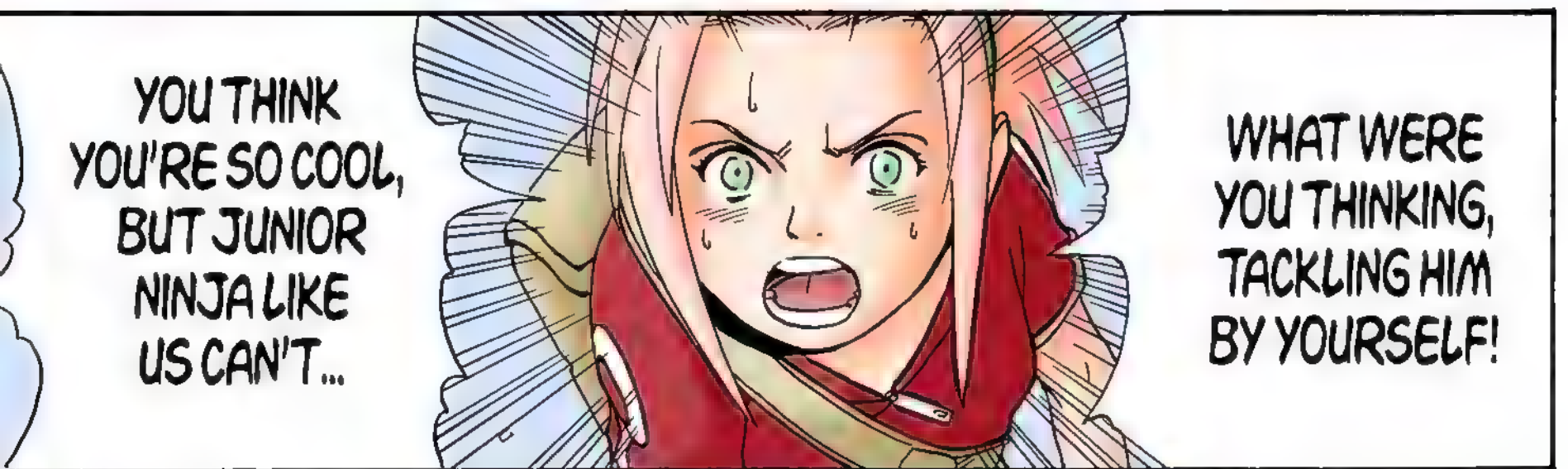
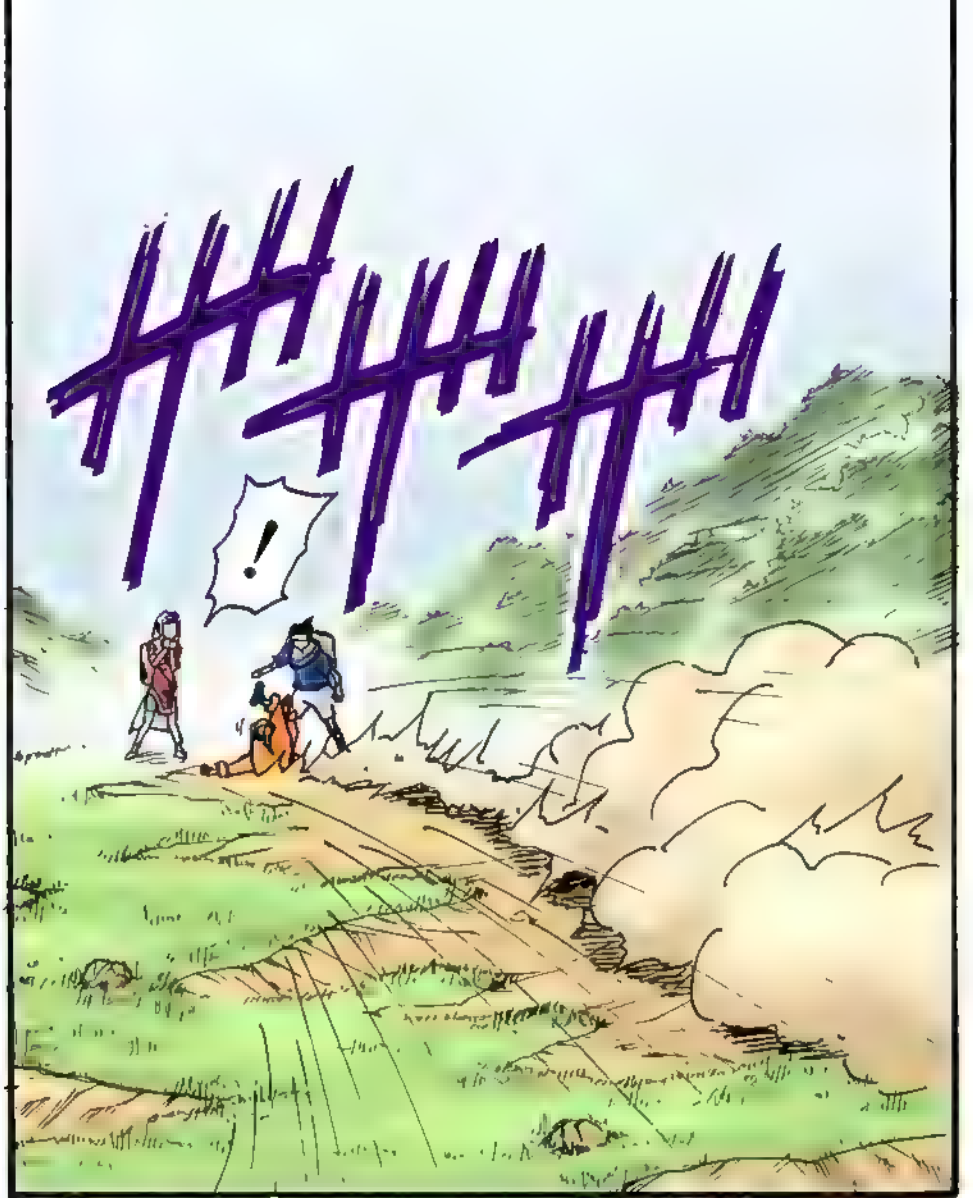
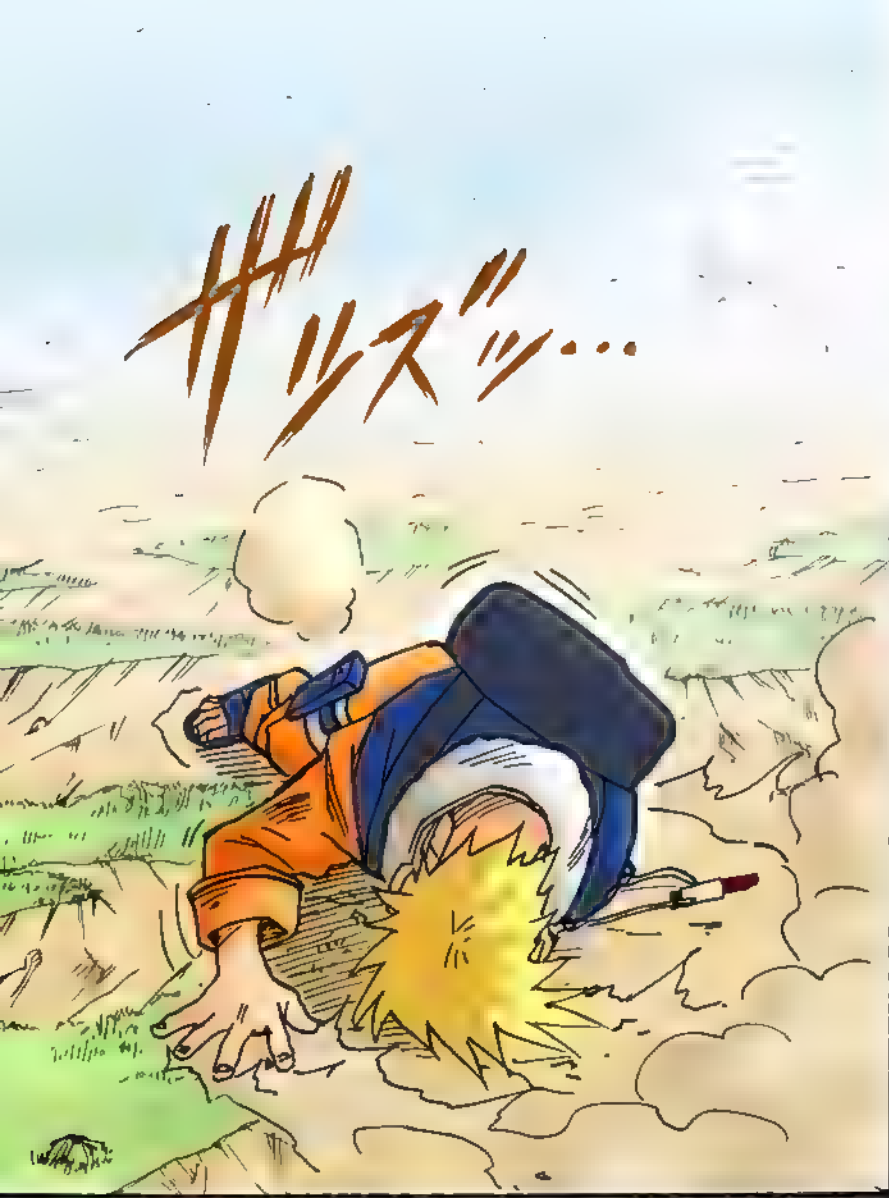


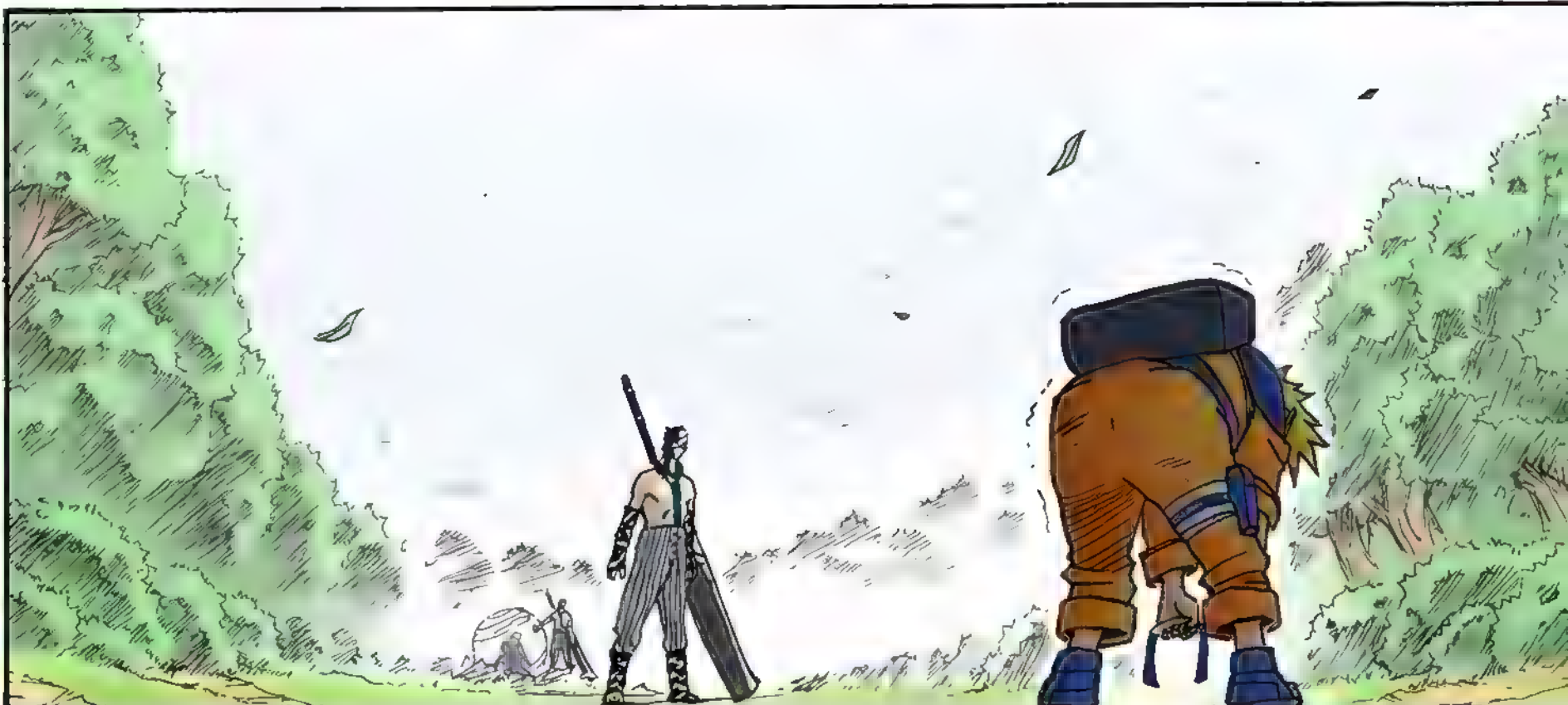
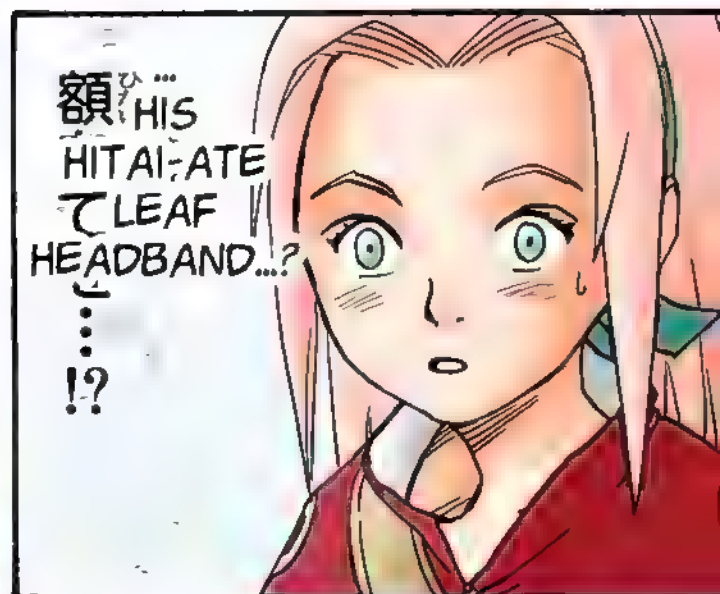
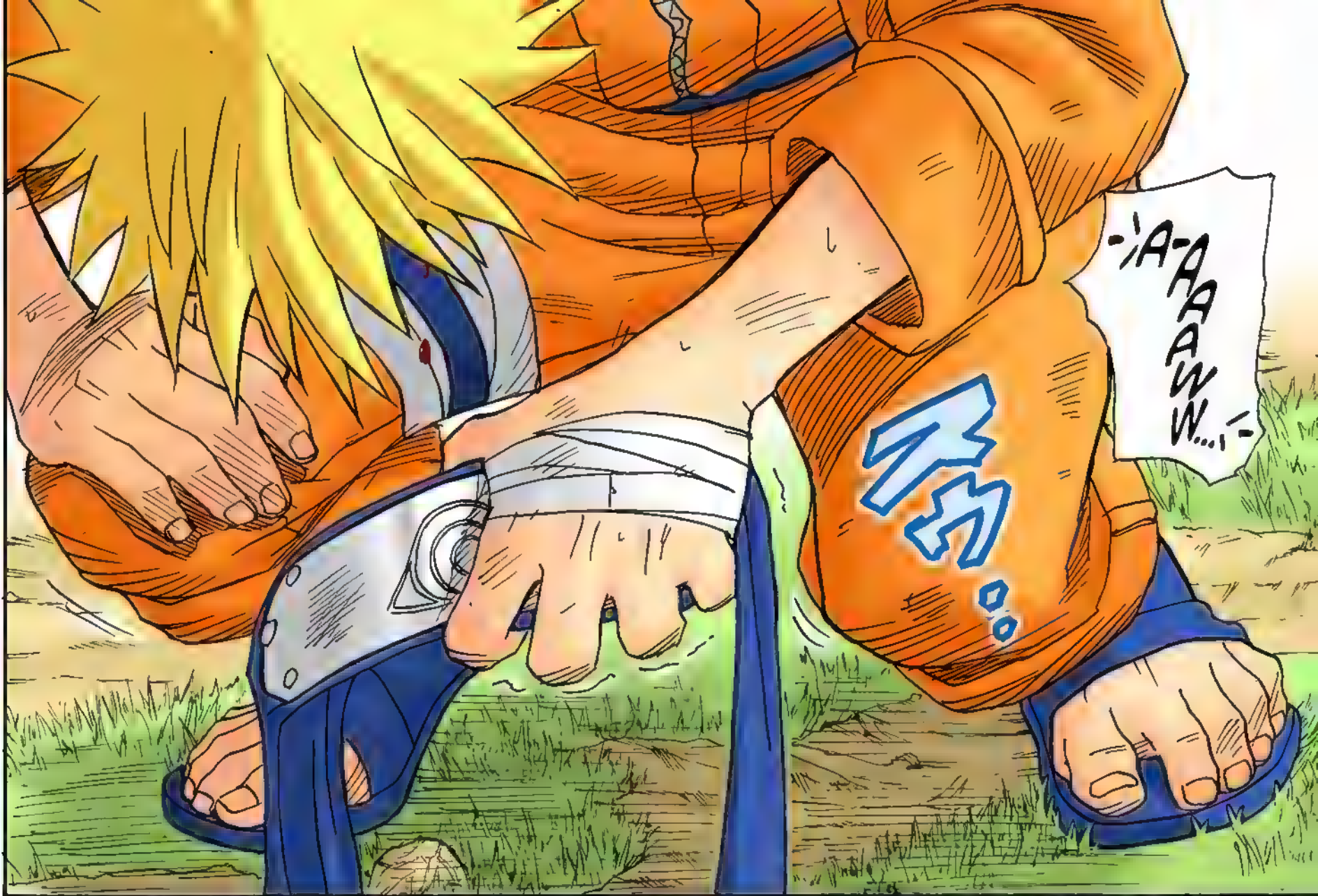
オレは
NEVER
RUN
AWAY
AGAIN.
マダ
ハシ
ナ
エ
ナ
...











HAH...

HEY... YOU...
WHAT'S
LIFE
LIKE
WITHOUT
EYEBROWS,
FREAK?

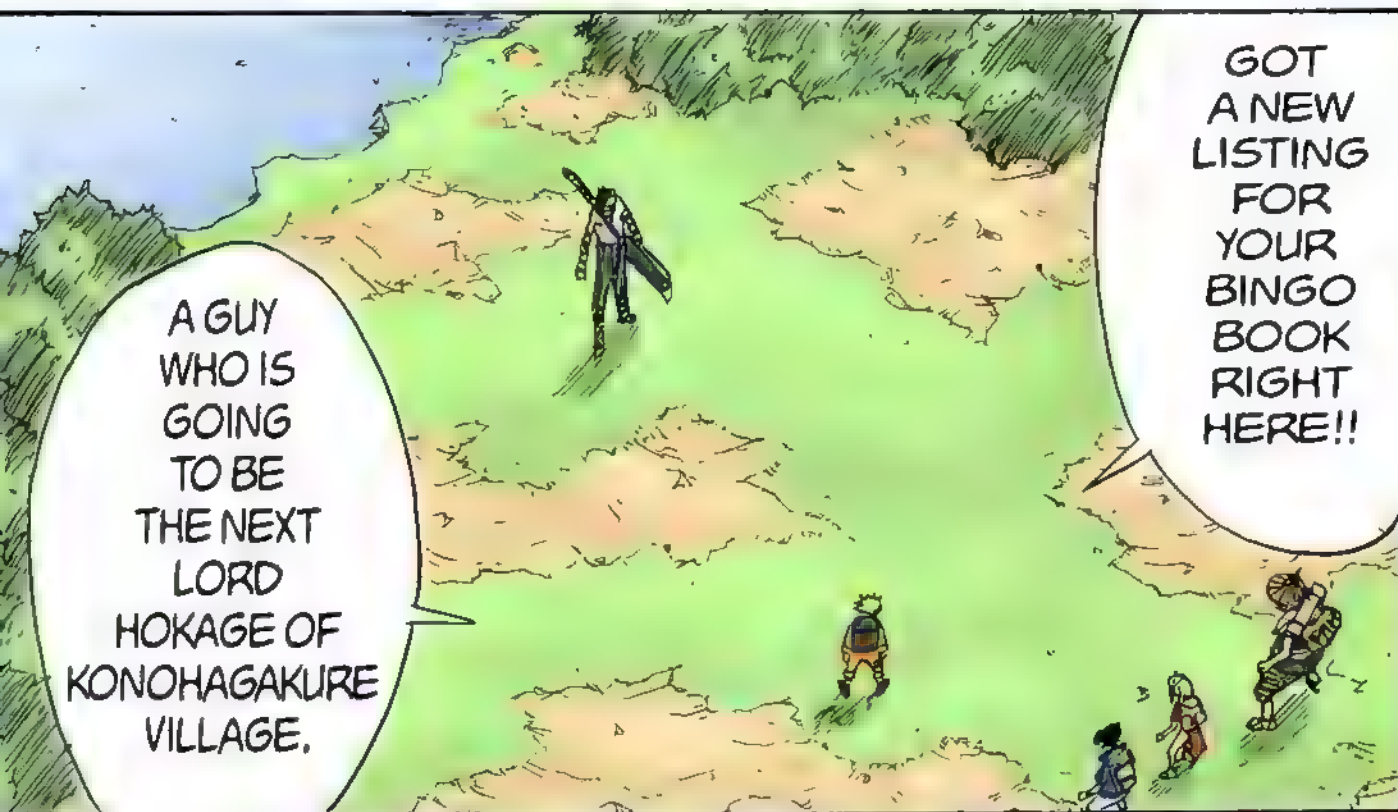
-HUFF!

-PUFF!



A GUY
WHO IS
GOING
TO BE
THE NEXT
LORD
HOKAGE OF
KONOHAGAKURE
VILLAGE.

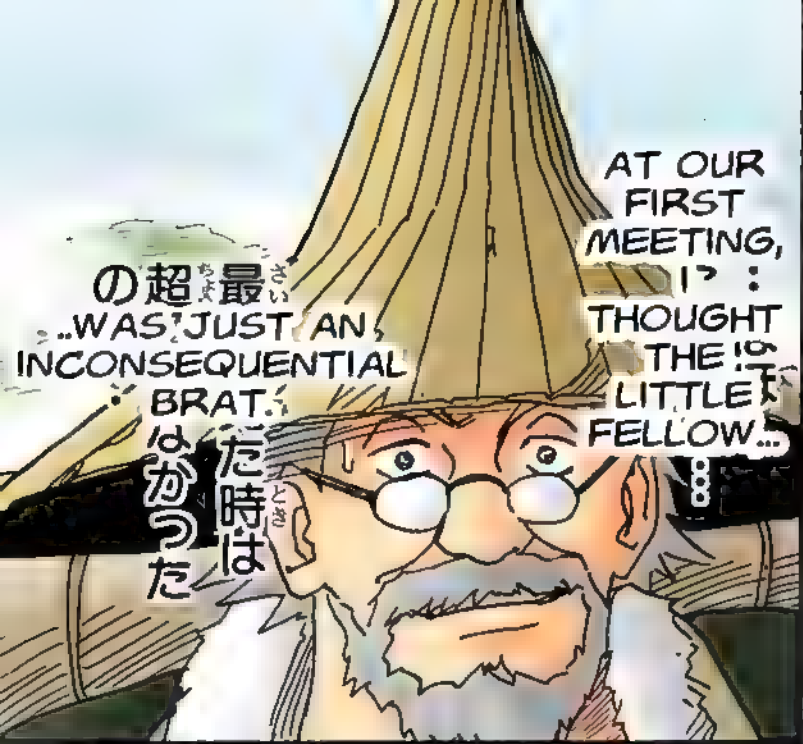
GOT
A NEW
LISTING
FOR
YOUR
BINGO
BOOK
RIGHT
HERE!!





KONOHASCHOOL
NINJA!

UZUMAKI
NARUTO!

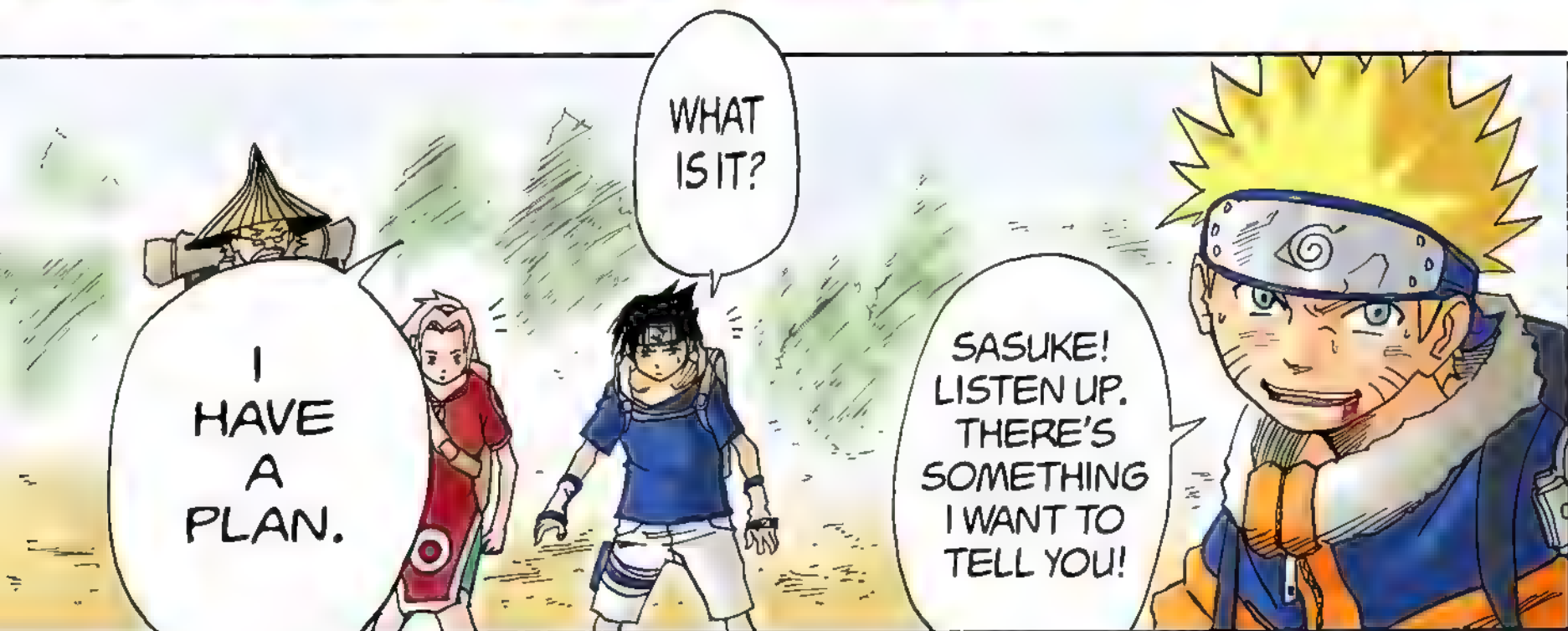


の超最
...WAS JUST AN,
INCONSEQUENTIAL
BRAT.
はかつた
た時は

AT OUR
FIRST
MEETING,
I :
THOUGHT
THE IS
LITTLE
FELLOW...



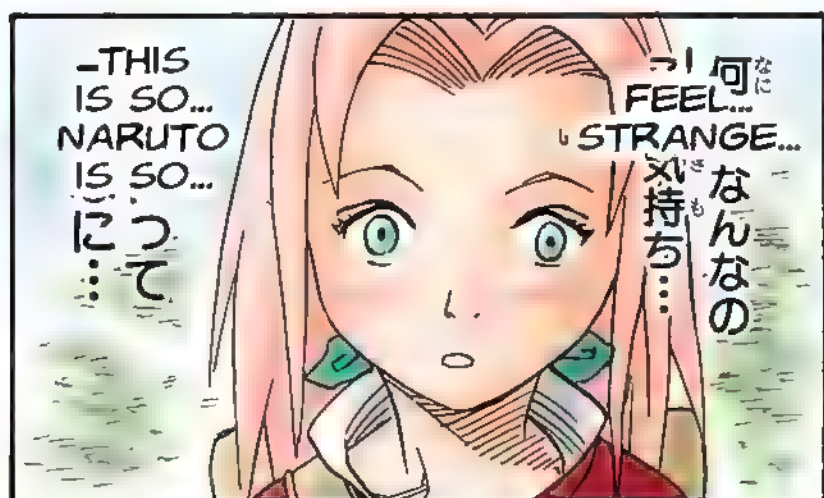
...NARUTO.
て



I
HAVE
A
PLAN.

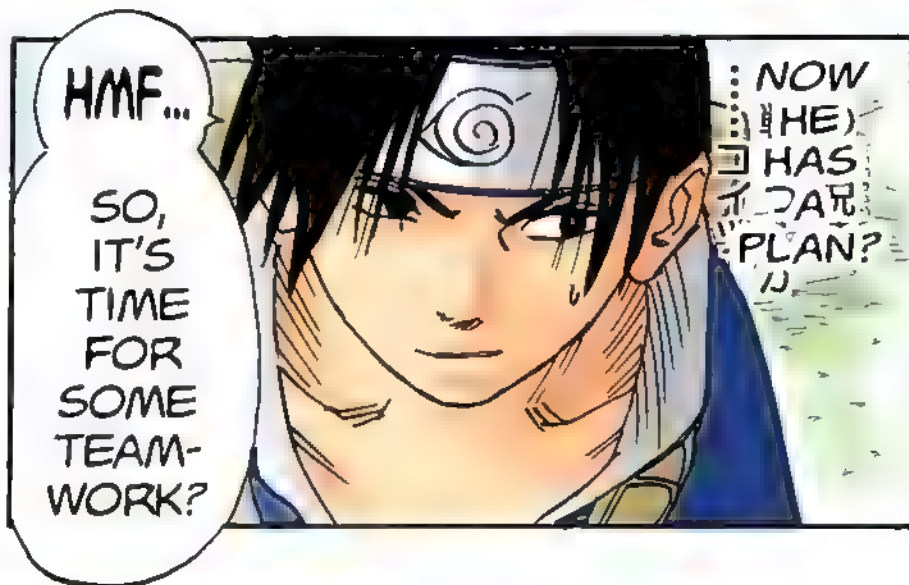
WHAT
IS IT?

SASUKE!
LISTEN UP.
THERE'S
SOMETHING
I WANT TO
TELL YOU!



-THIS
IS SO...
NARUTO
IS SO...
につて

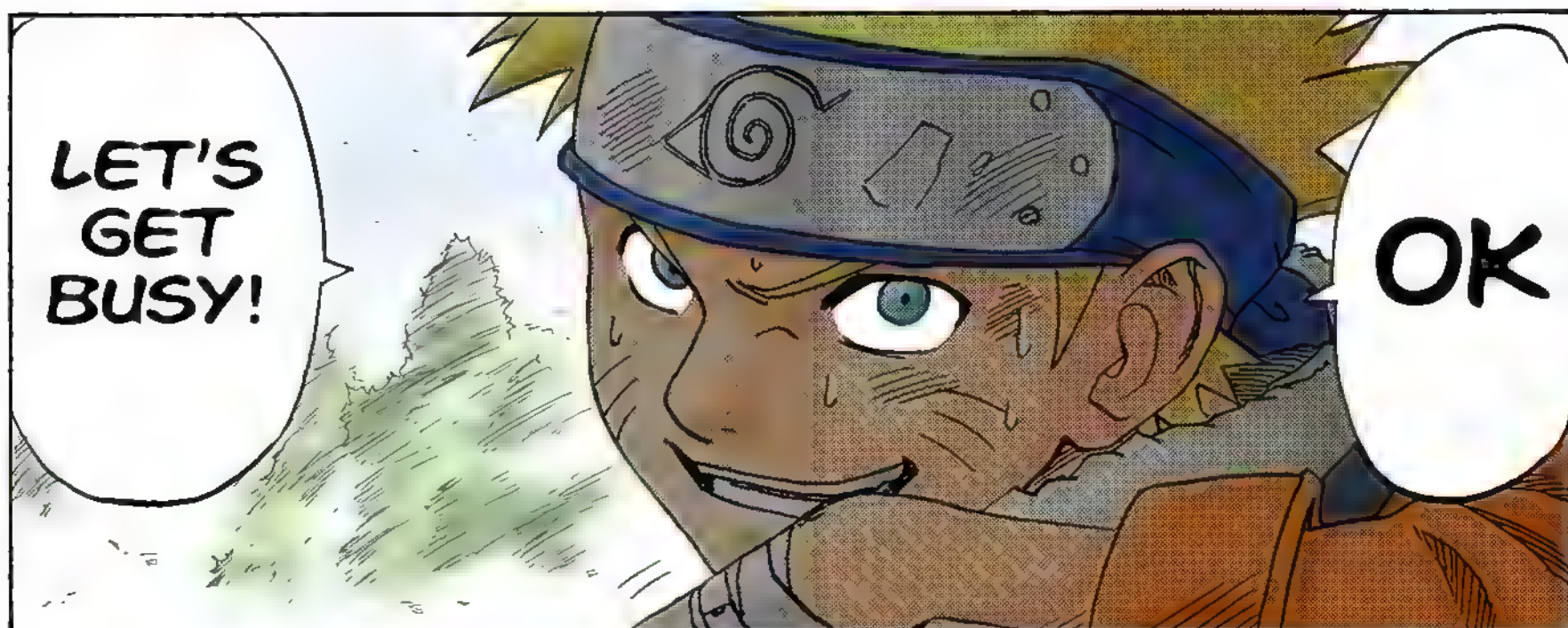
何なに
FEEL...
STRANGE...
ななの
気持ち...



HMF...

SO,
IT'S
TIME
FOR
SOME
TEAM-
WORK?

...NOW
HE)
HAS
A
PLAN?



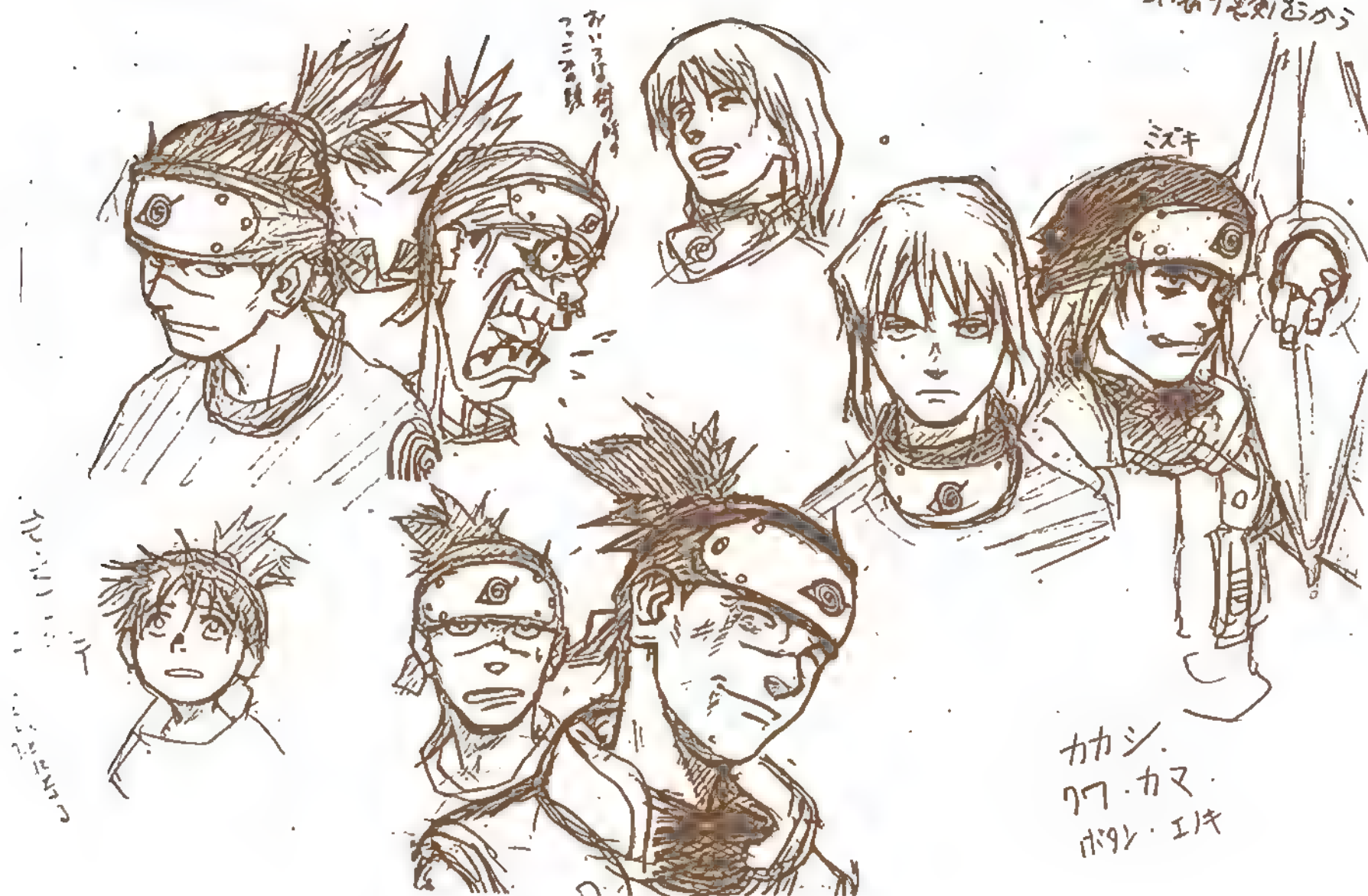
LET'S
GET
BUSY!

OK

イルカ先生

おろい先生

国康手裏剣おかし



IRUKA & MIZUKI

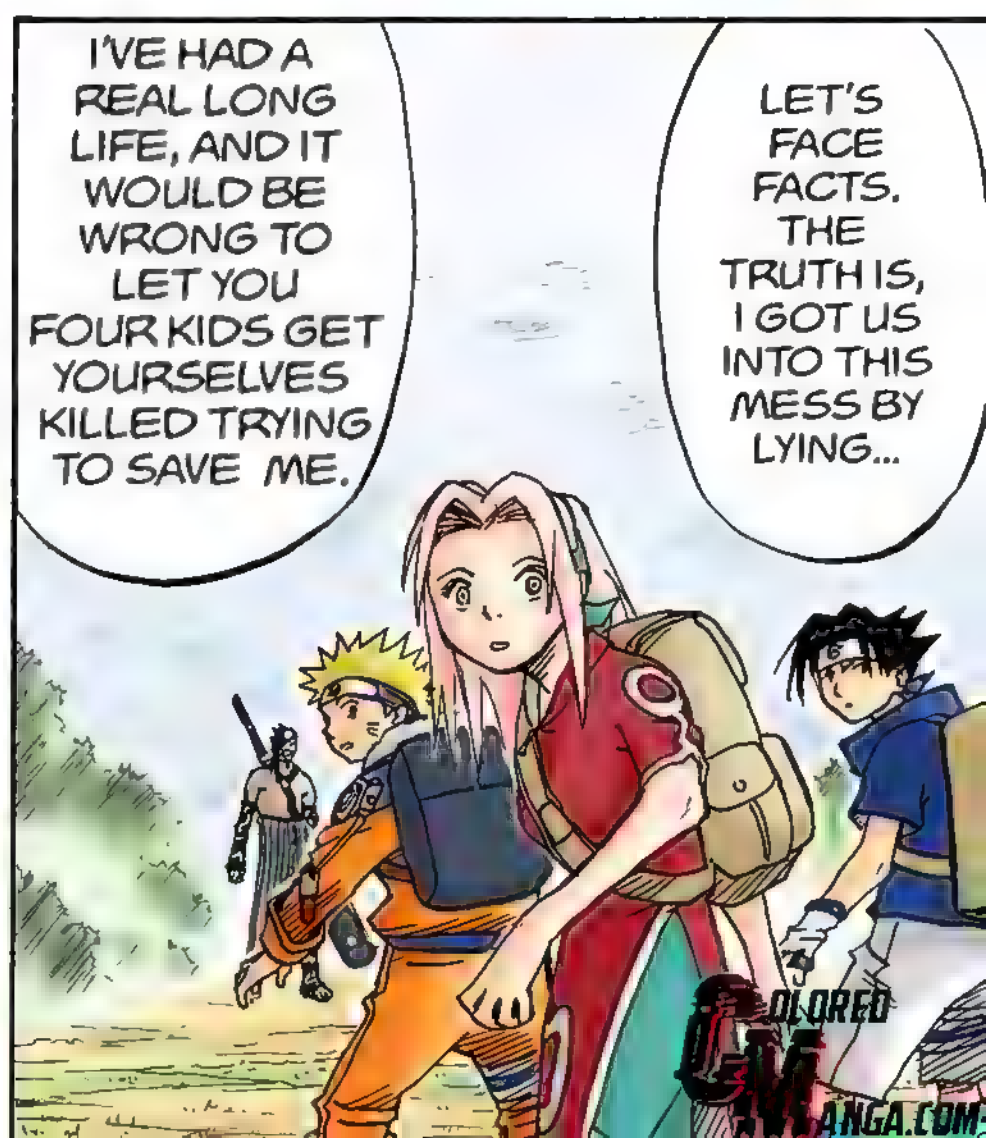
These were my first sketches of Iruka and Mizuki (see **Naruto** Vol. 1). In the final version, Mizuki's bangs are parted in the center, but otherwise he's pretty much the same. Iruka used to have a more evil look around his eyes, and sharper cheekbones, but I made him more relaxed and younger-looking.

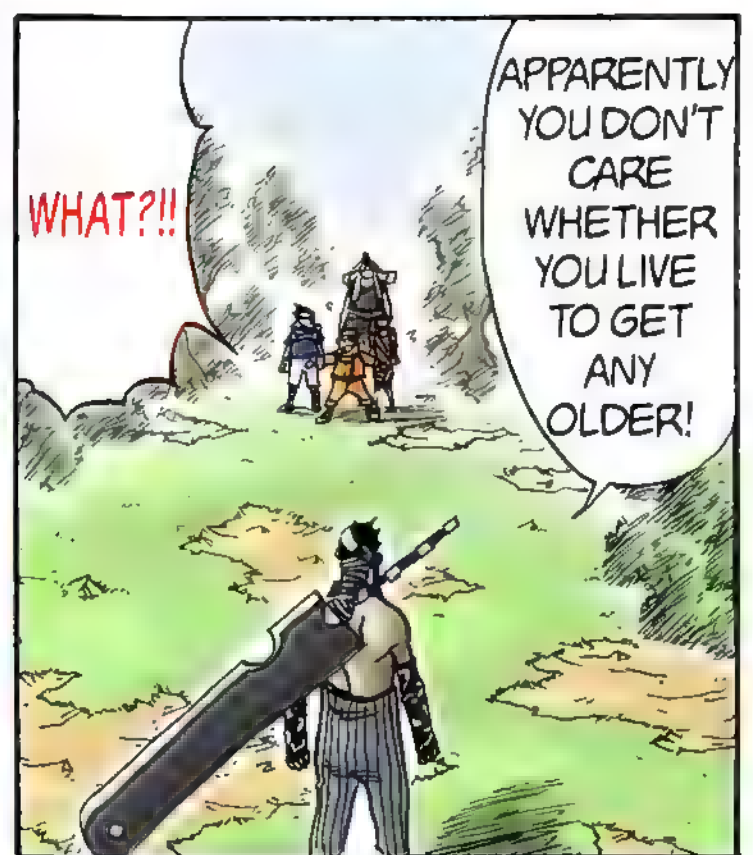
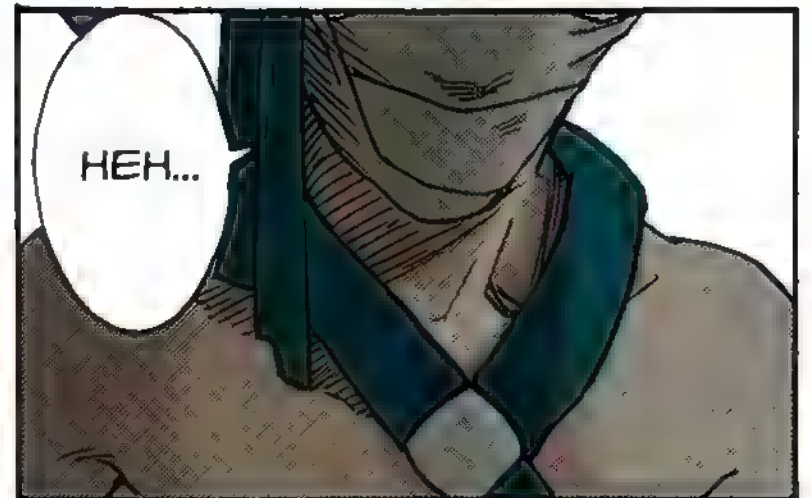
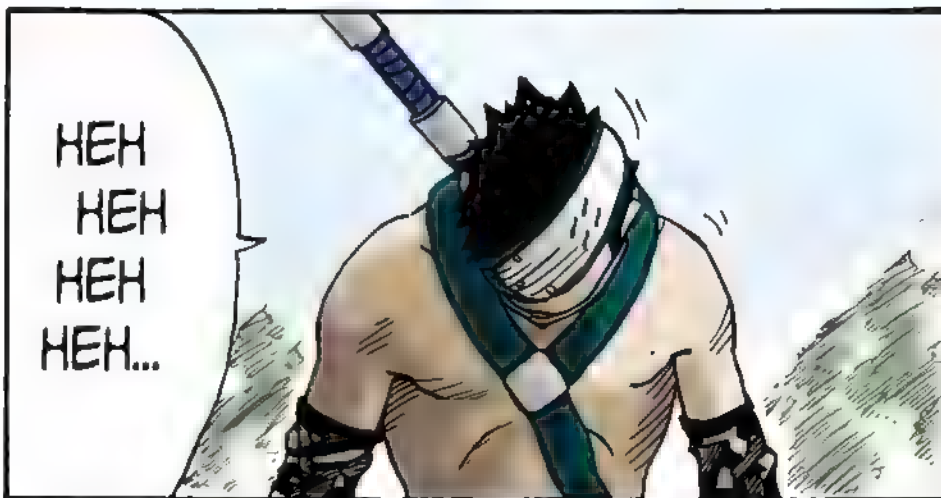
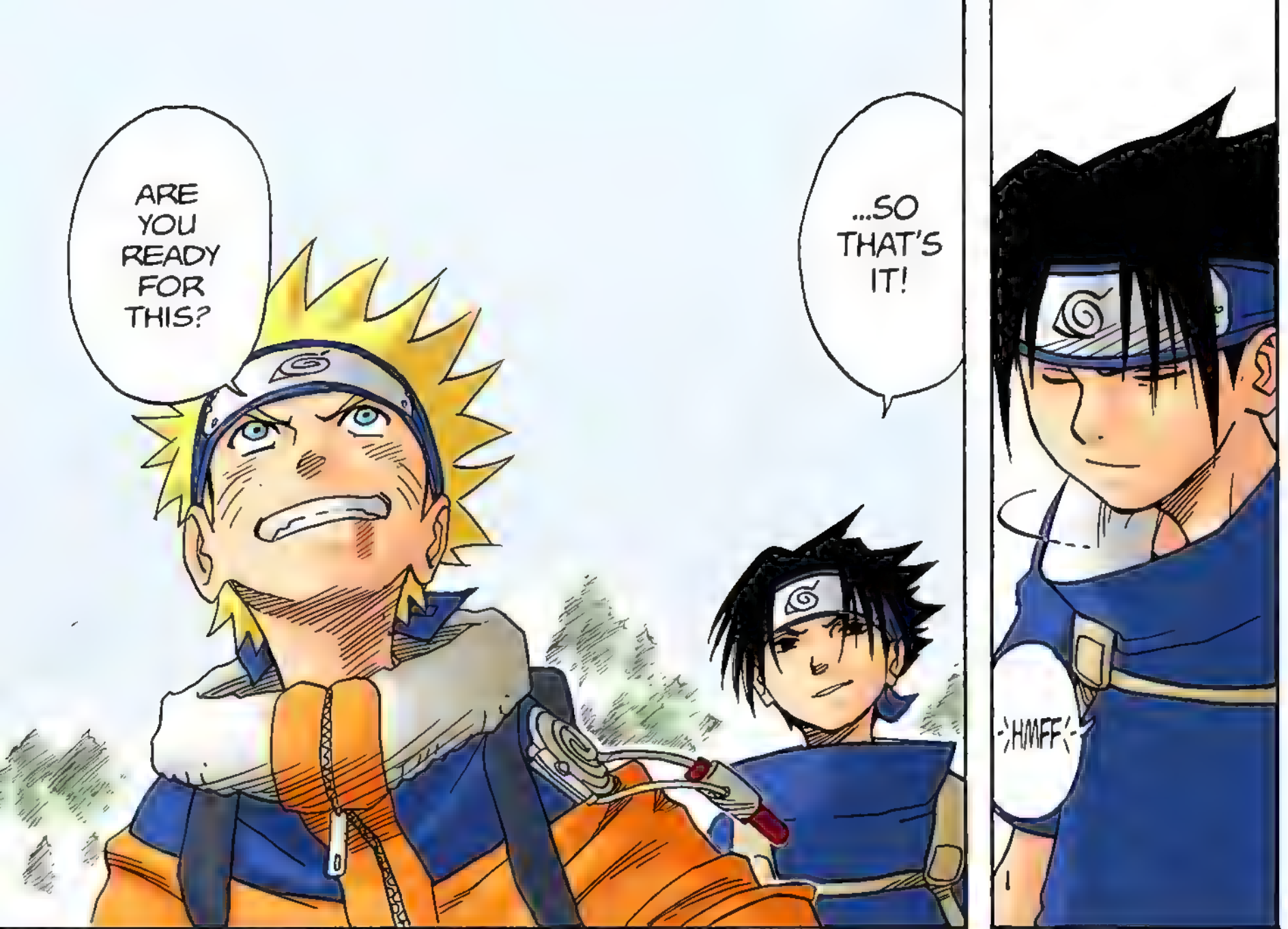
One more thing. When I was originally planning who Iruka and Mizuki's teacher was going to be, I decided on the next teacher's name at the same time. If you look in the bottom right corner, you can see some of the names I considered: *Kakashi* ("scarecrow"), *Kuwa* ("hoe"), *Kama* ("scythe"), *Botan* ("peony" or "button") and *Enoki* (a Chinese nettle tree). Looking back at it, though, I'm really glad I used "Kakashi."



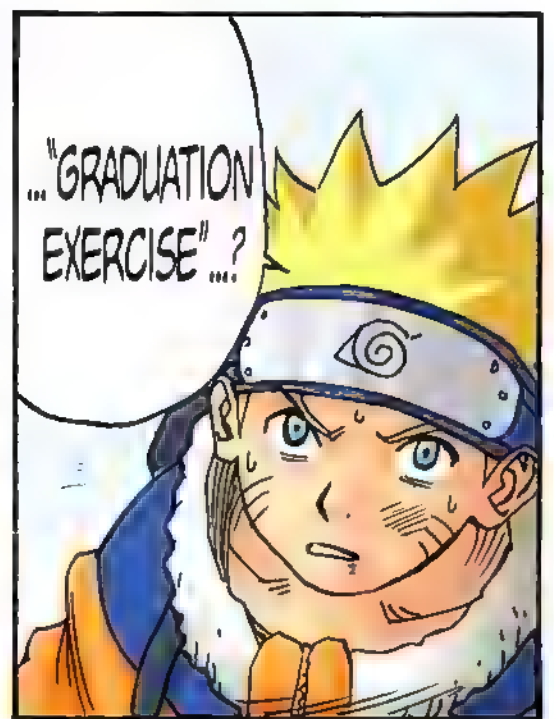
THE SECRET PLAN...!









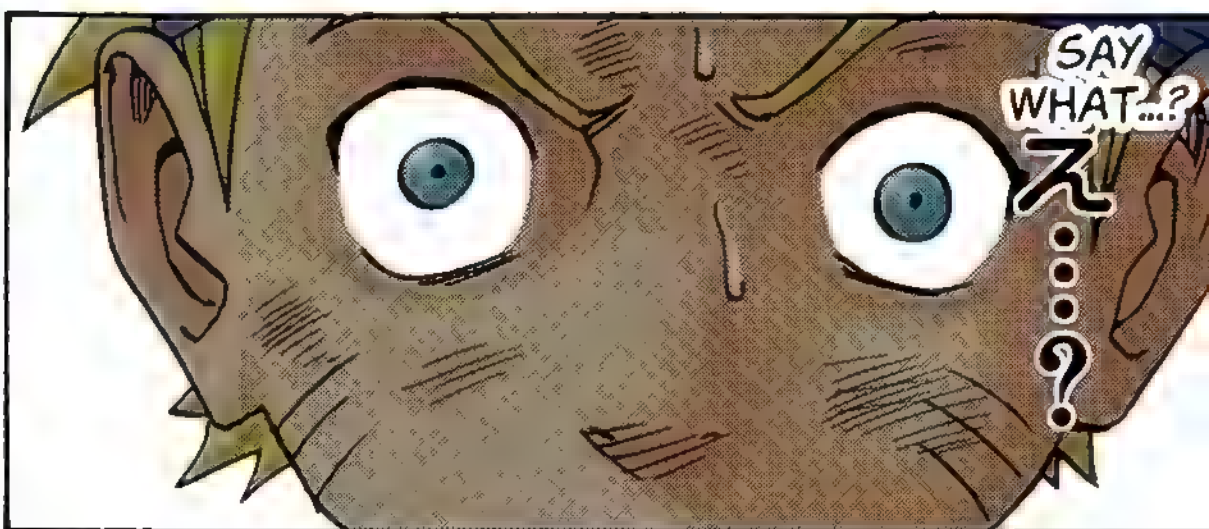




IT'S A
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OF
"KILLING
SPREE"...
AMONG
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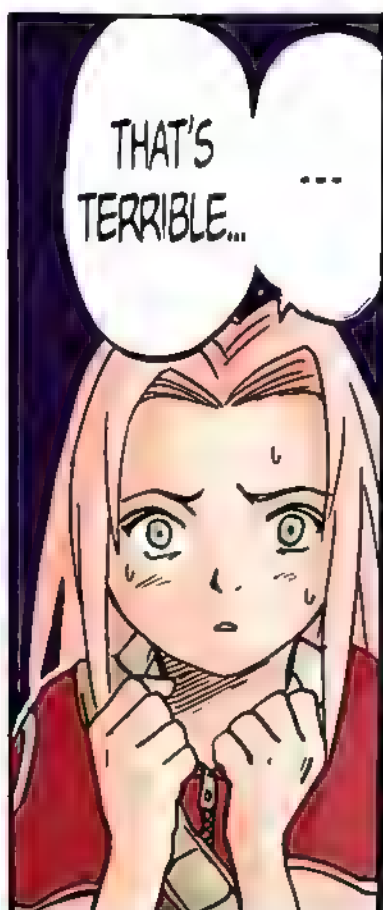


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SAY
WHAT...?

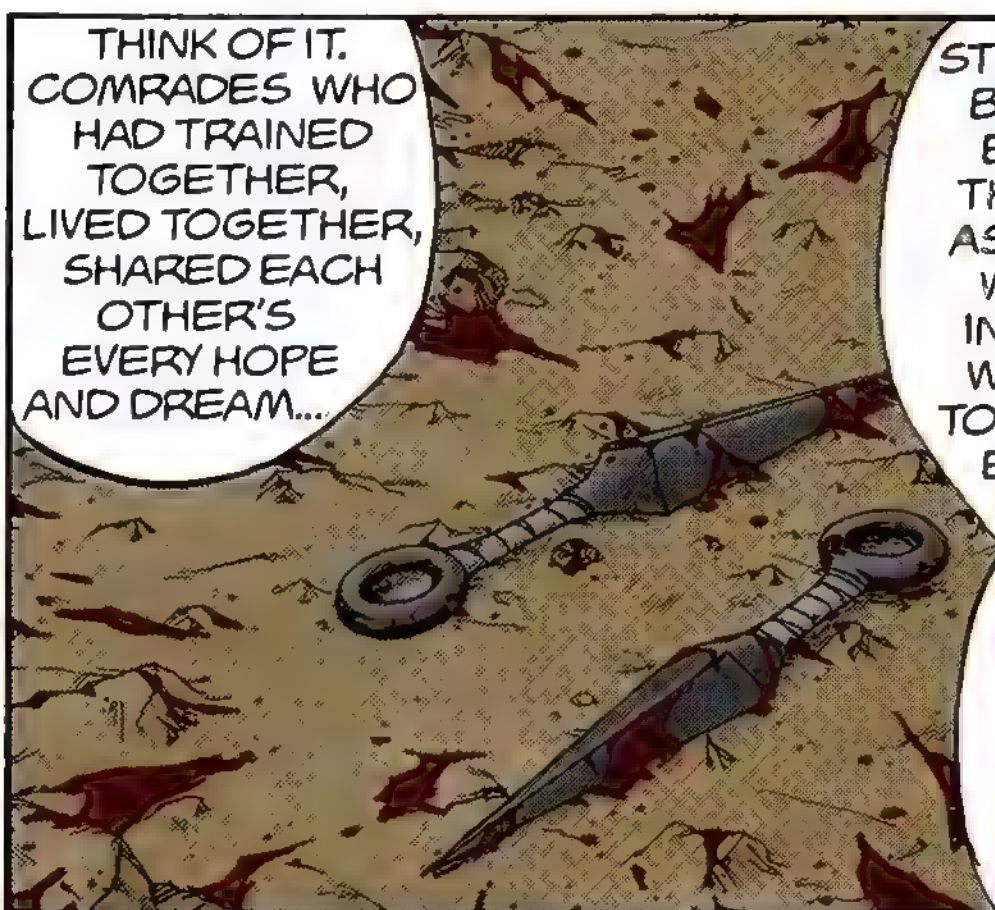
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THAT'S
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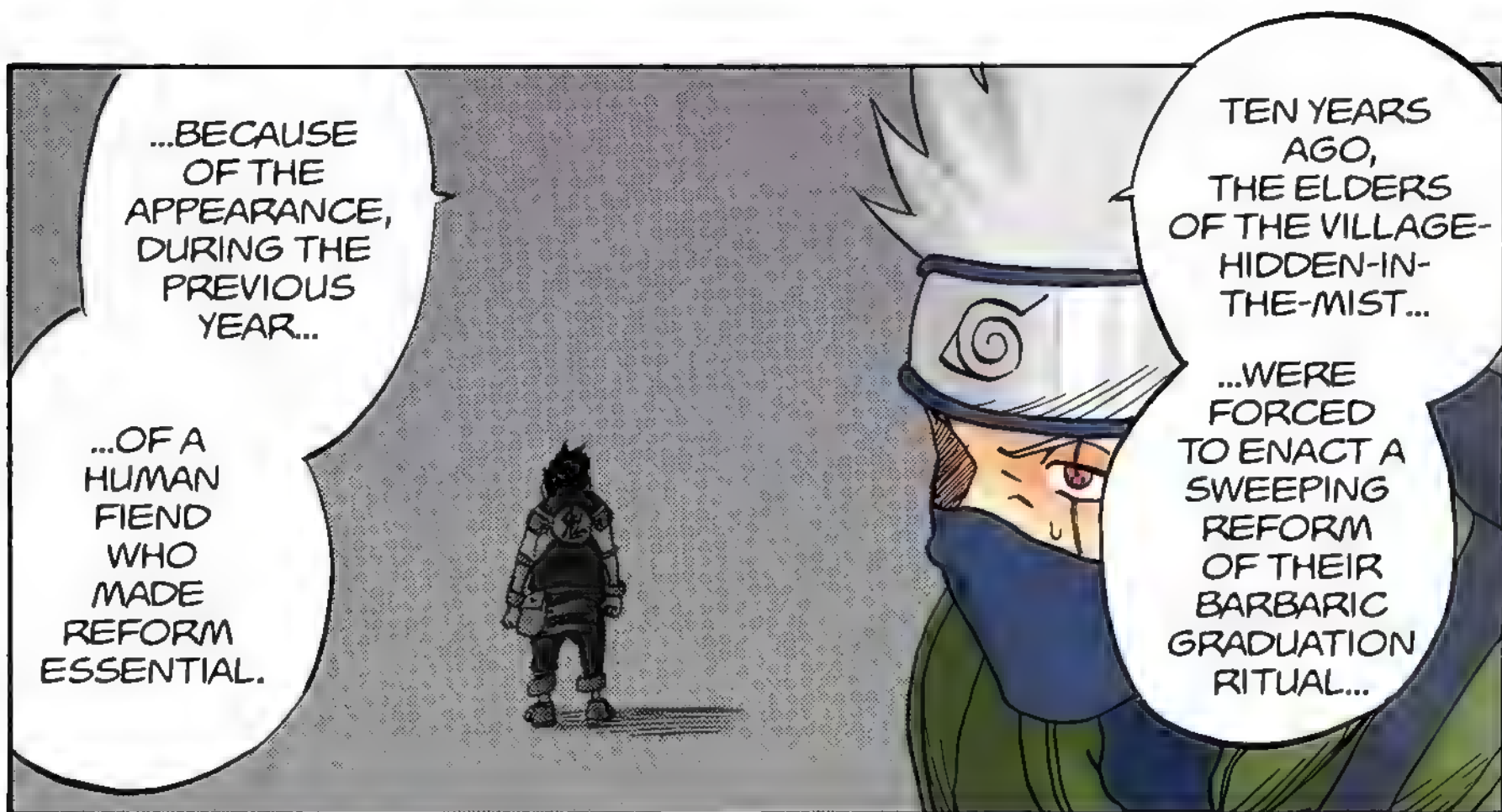
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THINK OF IT.
COMRADES WHO
HAD TRAINED
TOGETHER,
LIVED TOGETHER,
SHARED EACH
OTHER'S
EVERY HOPE
AND DREAM...



STUDENTS WHO'D
BEEN FRIENDS,
EATING FROM
THE SAME DISH,
AS UNDERGRADS
WERE DIVIDED
INTO PAIRS WHO
WERE FORCED
TO FIGHT AGAINST
EACH OTHER..

TO
THE
DEATH.

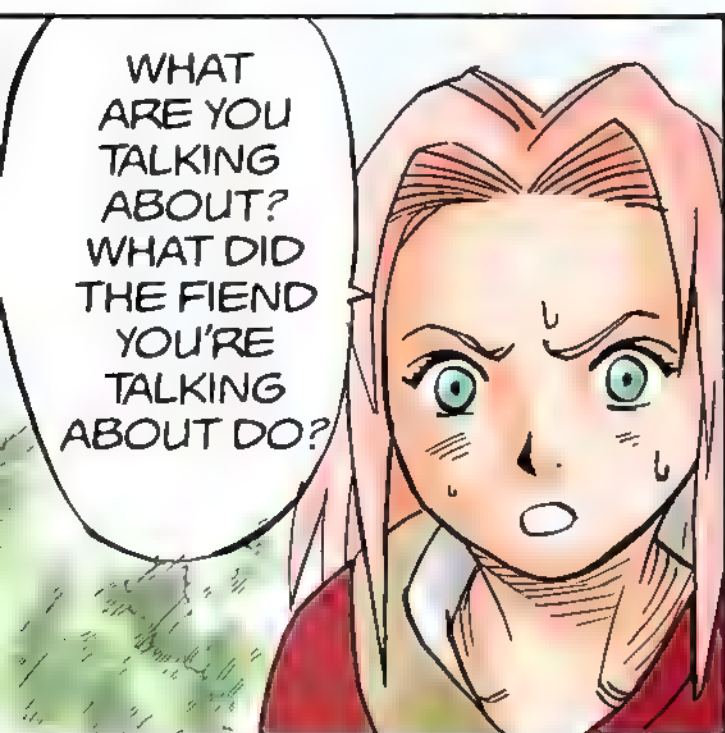


...BECAUSE
OF THE
APPEARANCE,
DURING THE
PREVIOUS
YEAR...

...OF A
HUMAN
FIEND
WHO
MADE
REFORM
ESSENTIAL.

TEN YEARS
AGO,
THE ELDERS
OF THE VILLAGE-
HIDDEN-IN-
THE-MIST...

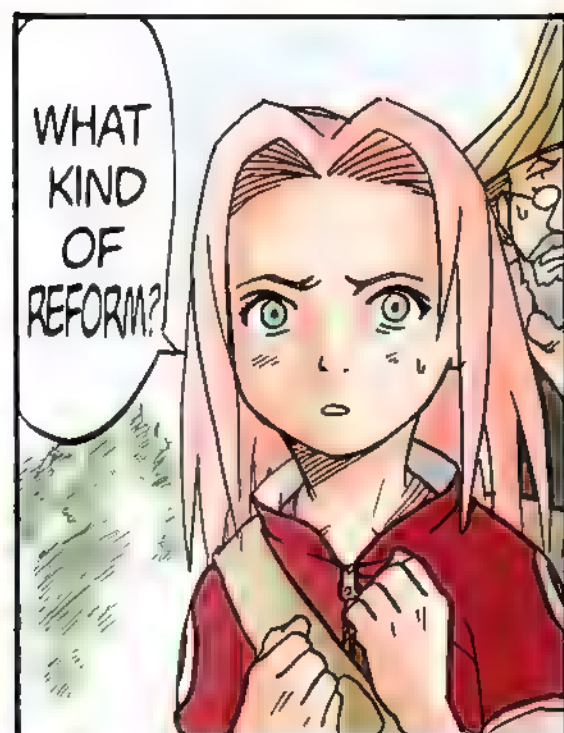
...WERE
FORCED
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SWEEPING
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OF THEIR
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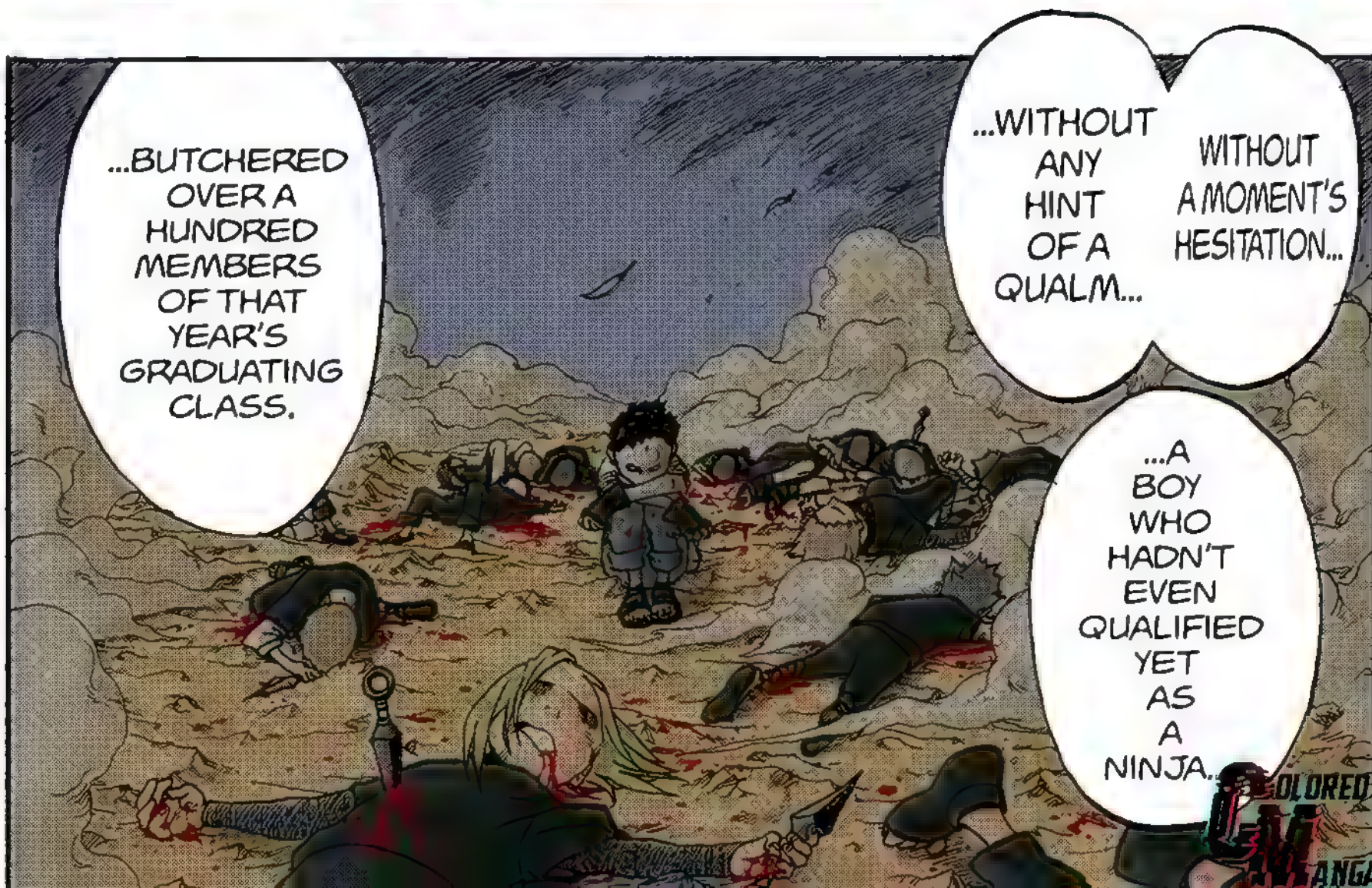
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ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?
WHAT DID
THE FIEND
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT DO?



...



WHAT
KIND
OF
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...BUTCHERED
OVER A
HUNDRED
MEMBERS
OF THAT
YEAR'S
GRADUATING
CLASS.

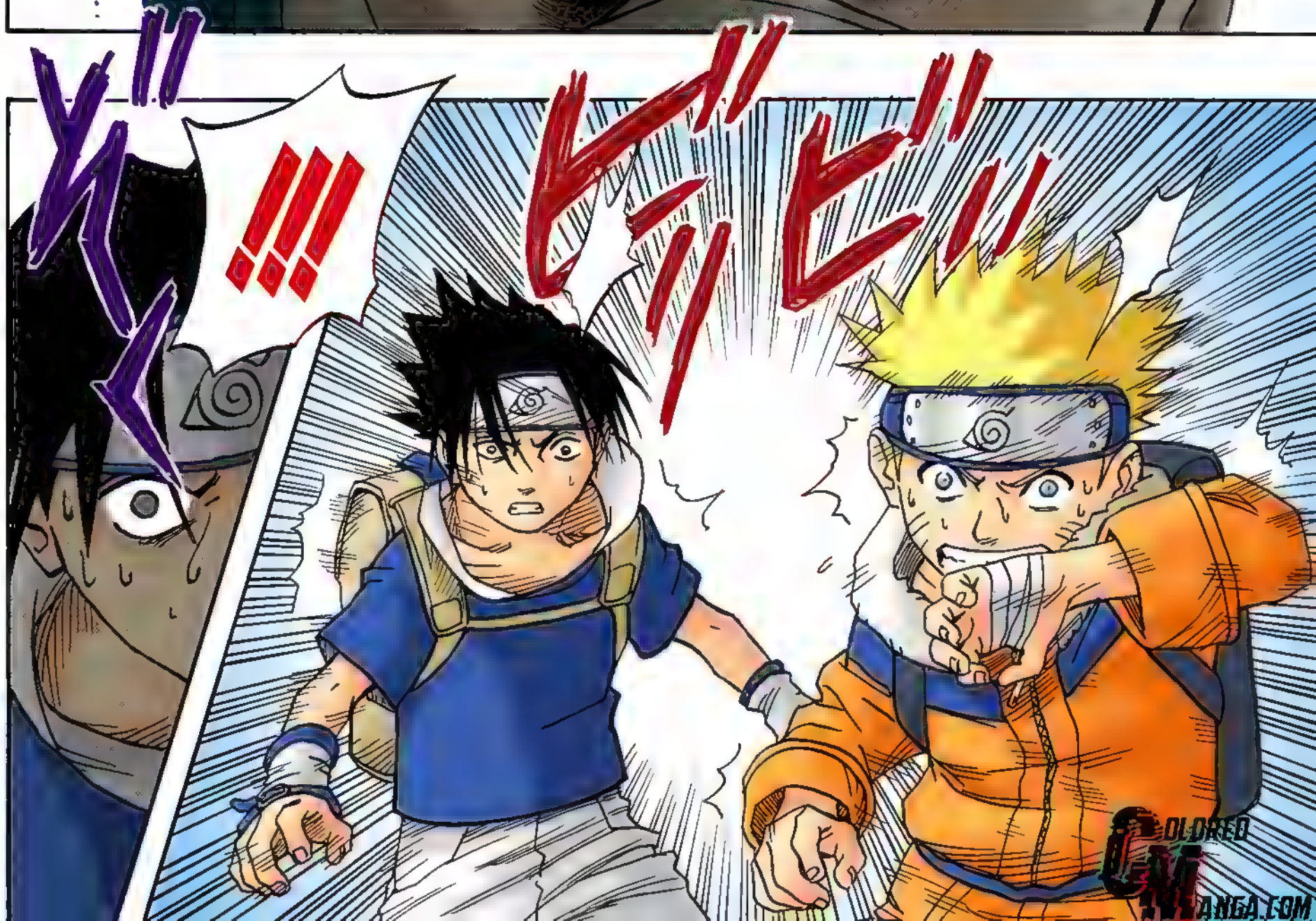
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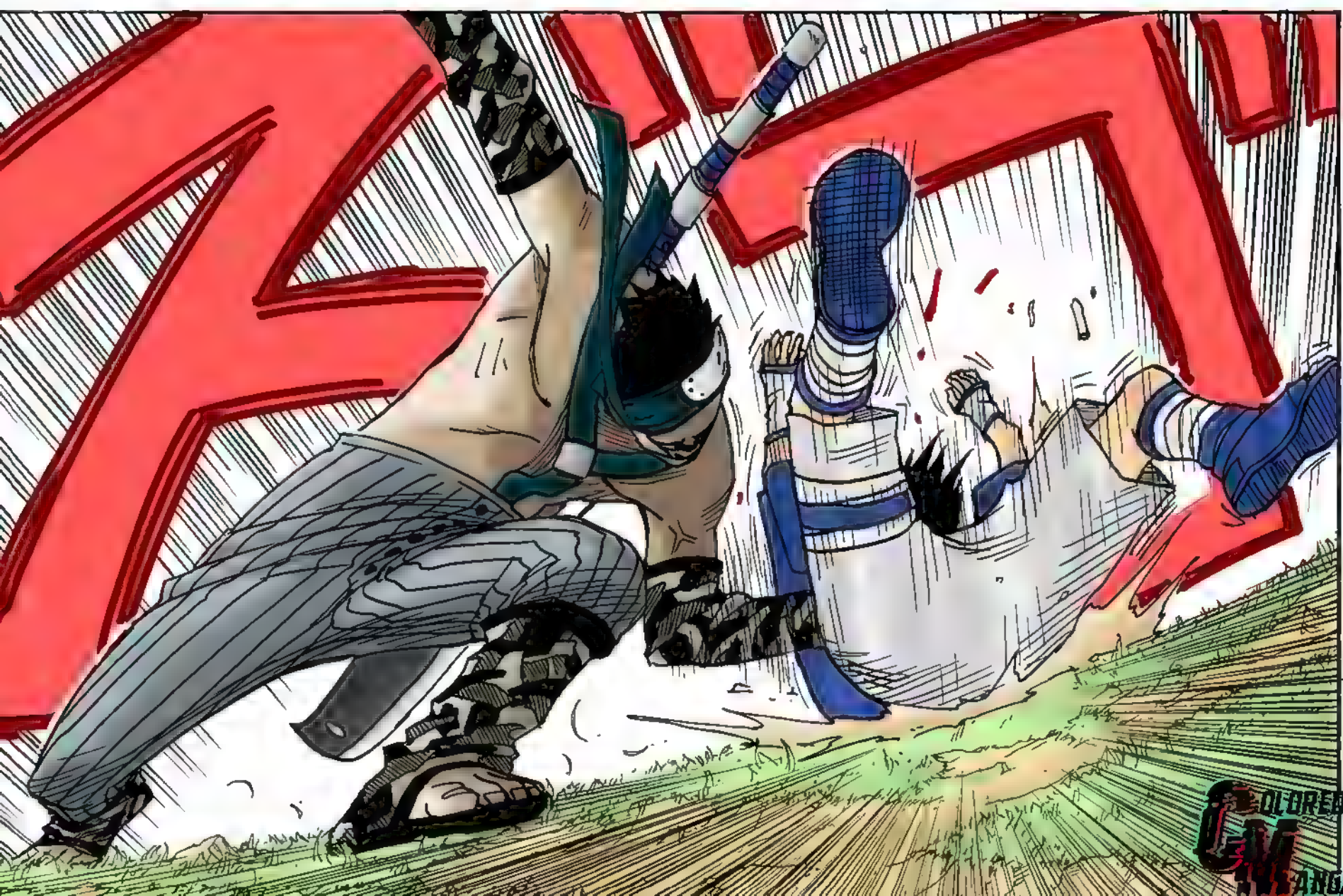
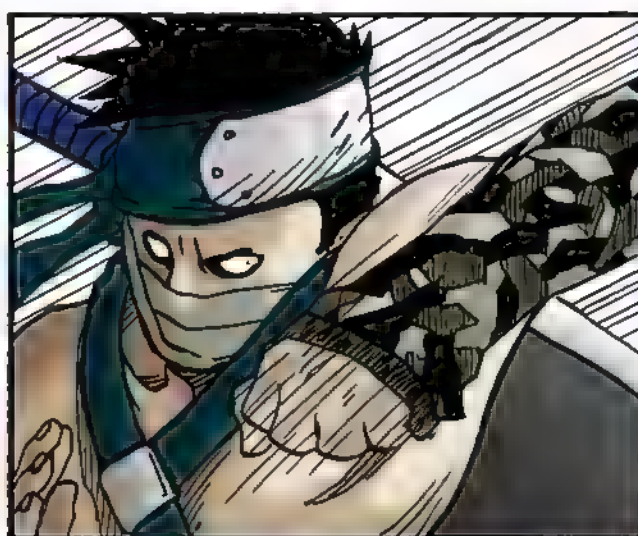
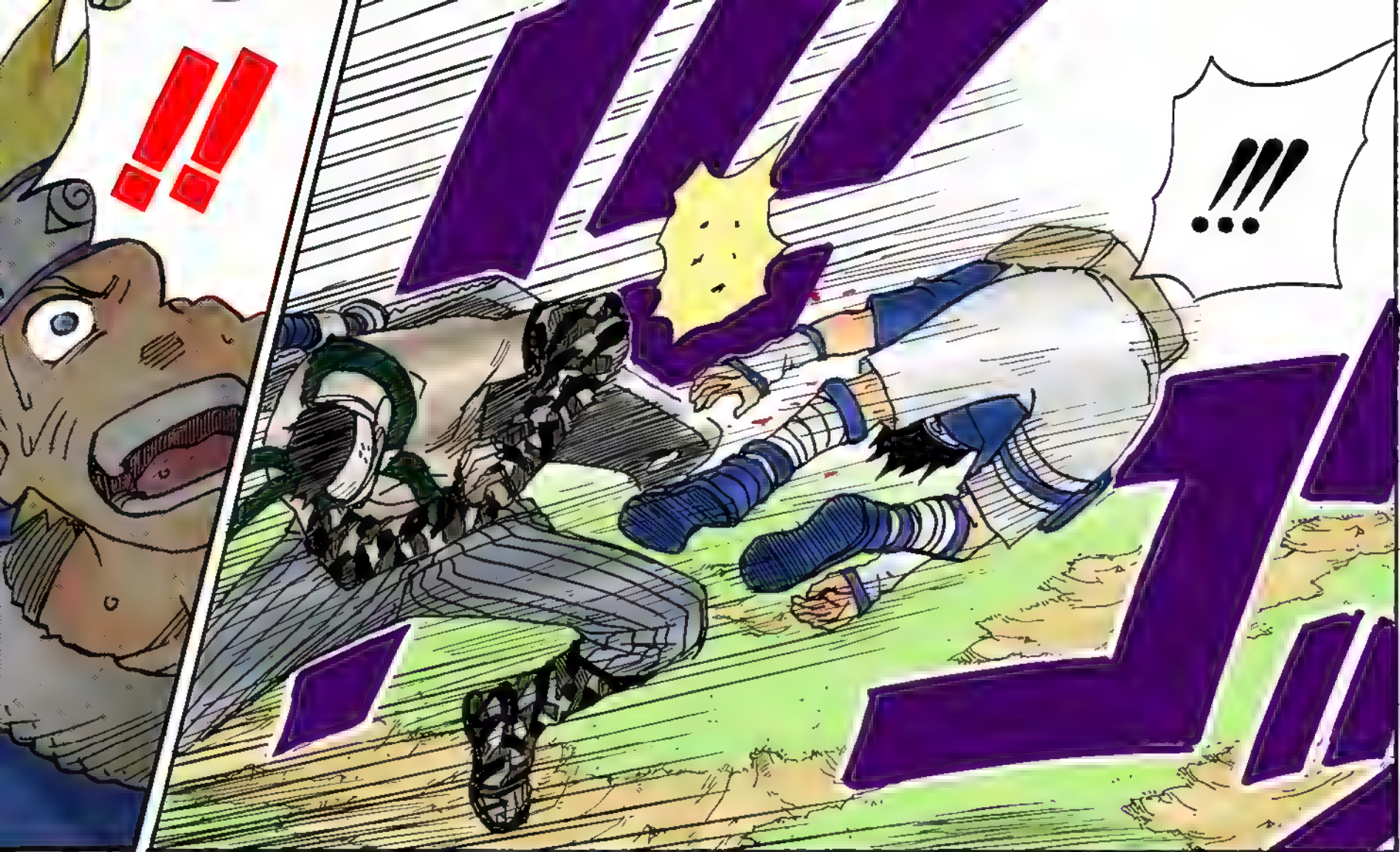
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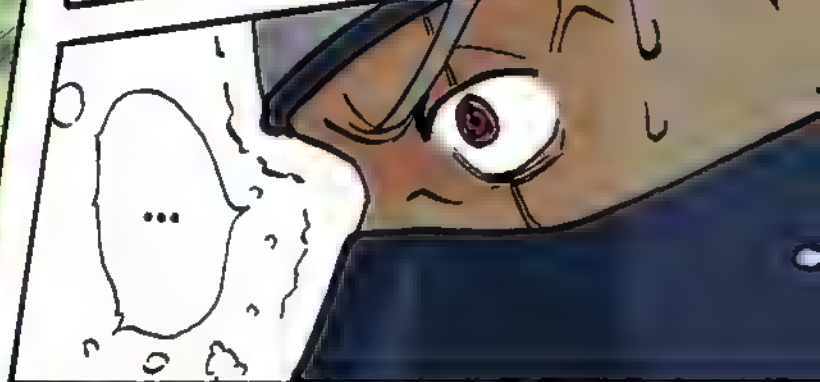
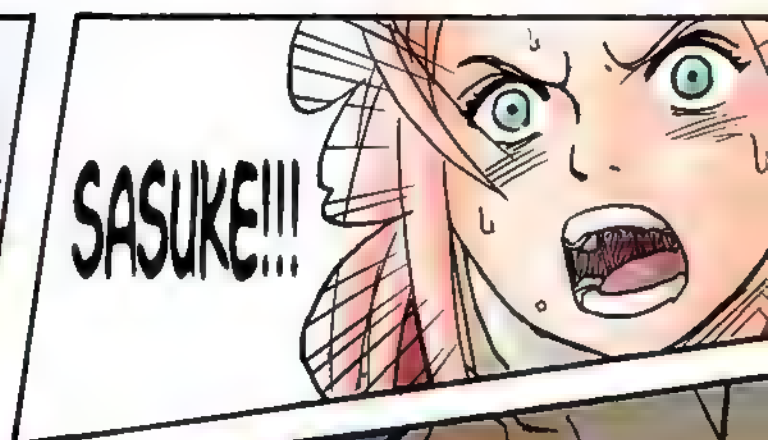
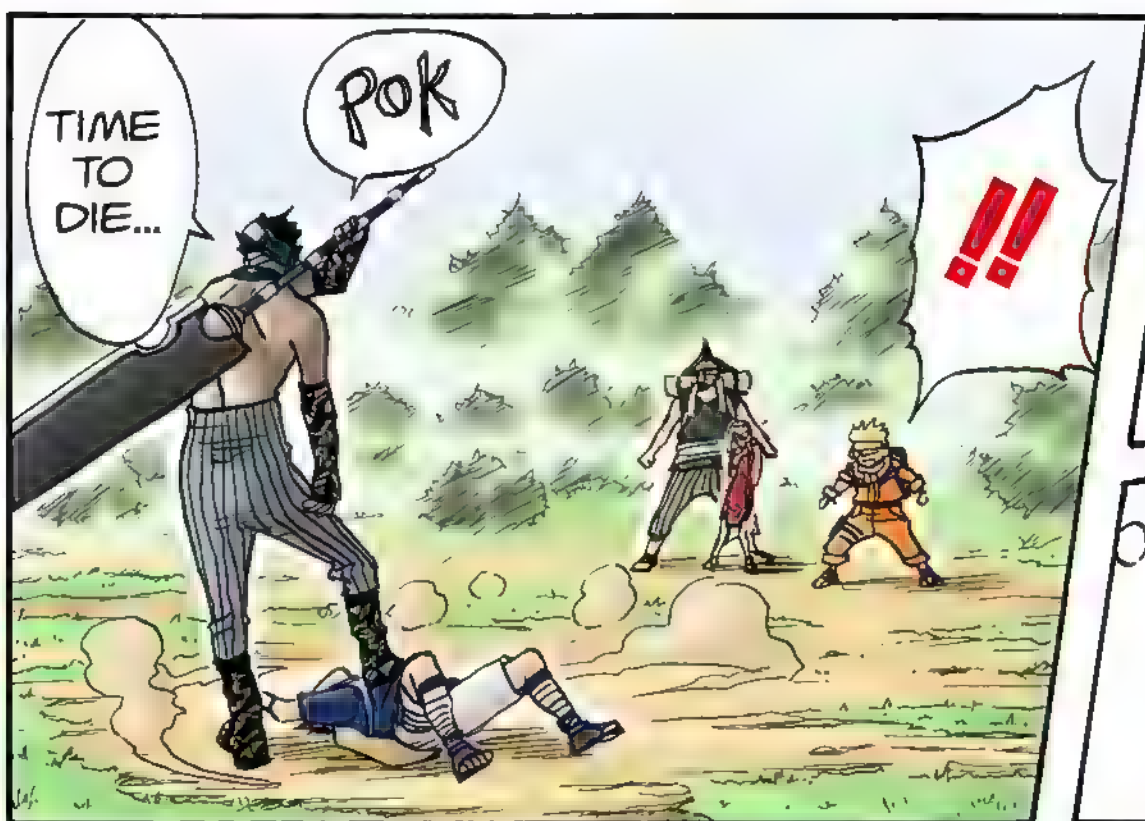
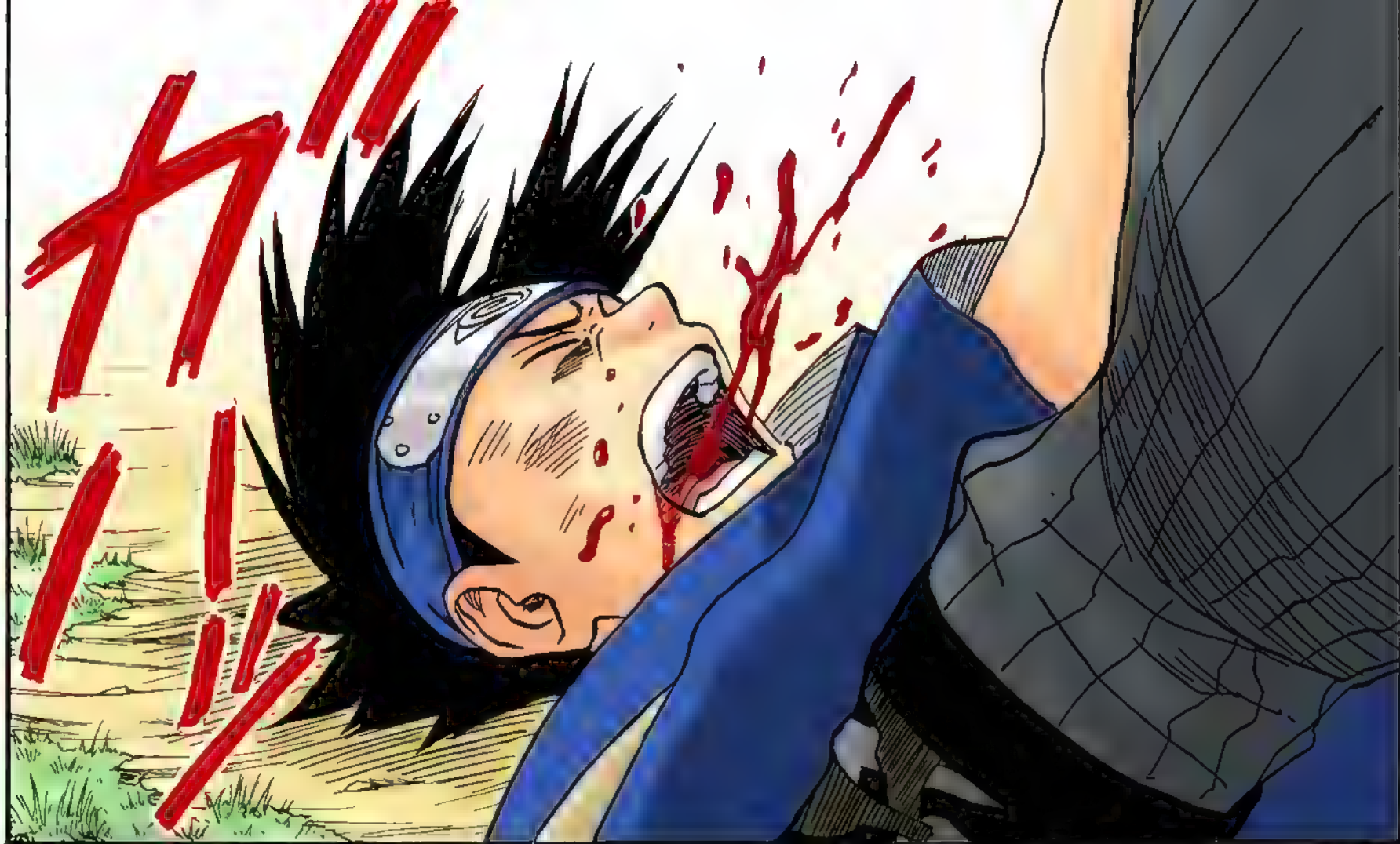
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AS
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COLORED

ANGA.COM

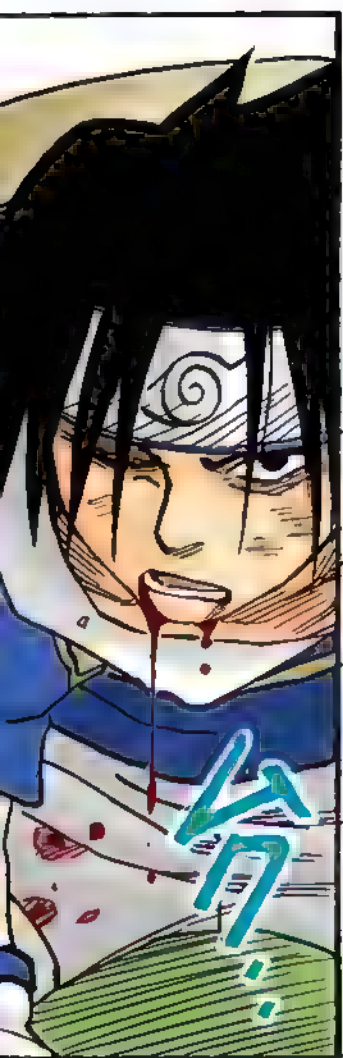






ART
OF
THE
SHADOW
DOPPEL-
GANGER!!!



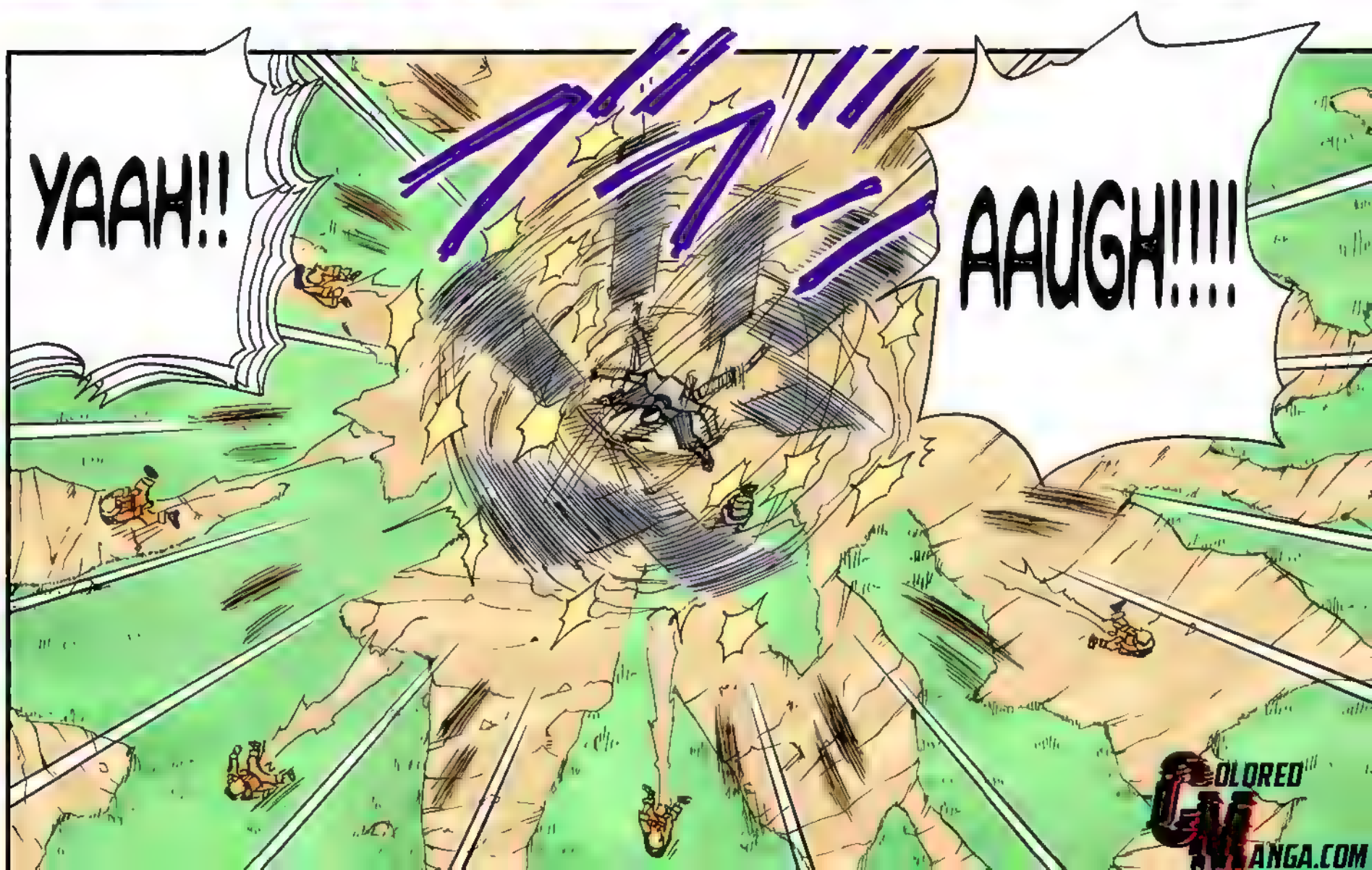
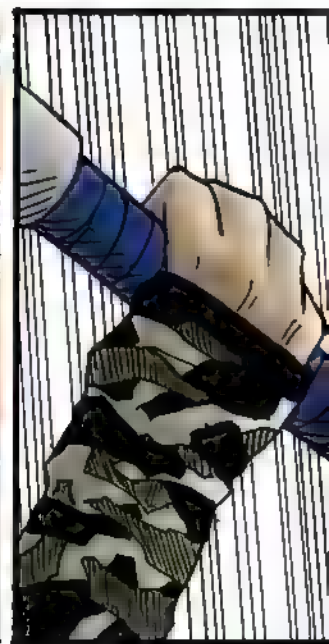
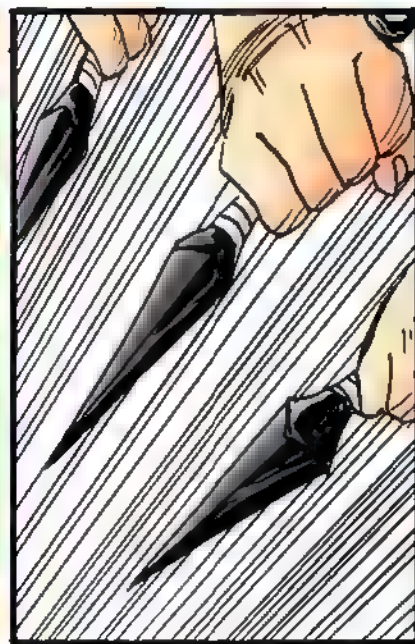
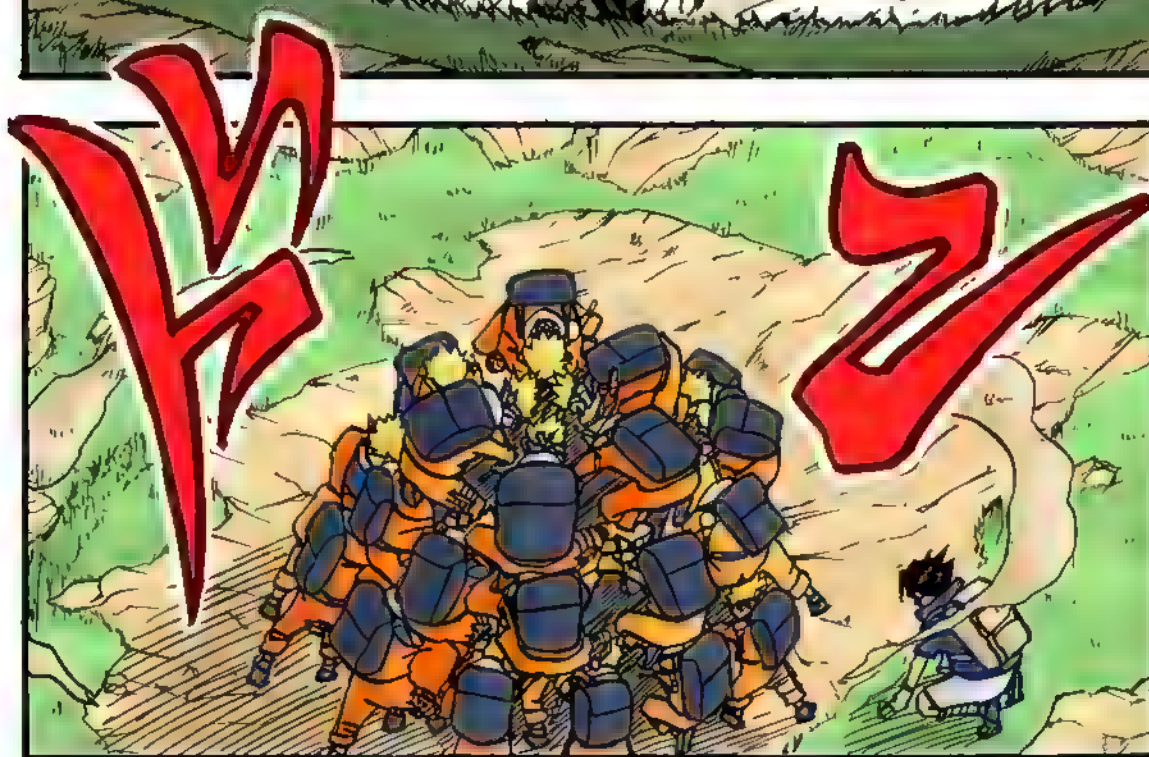
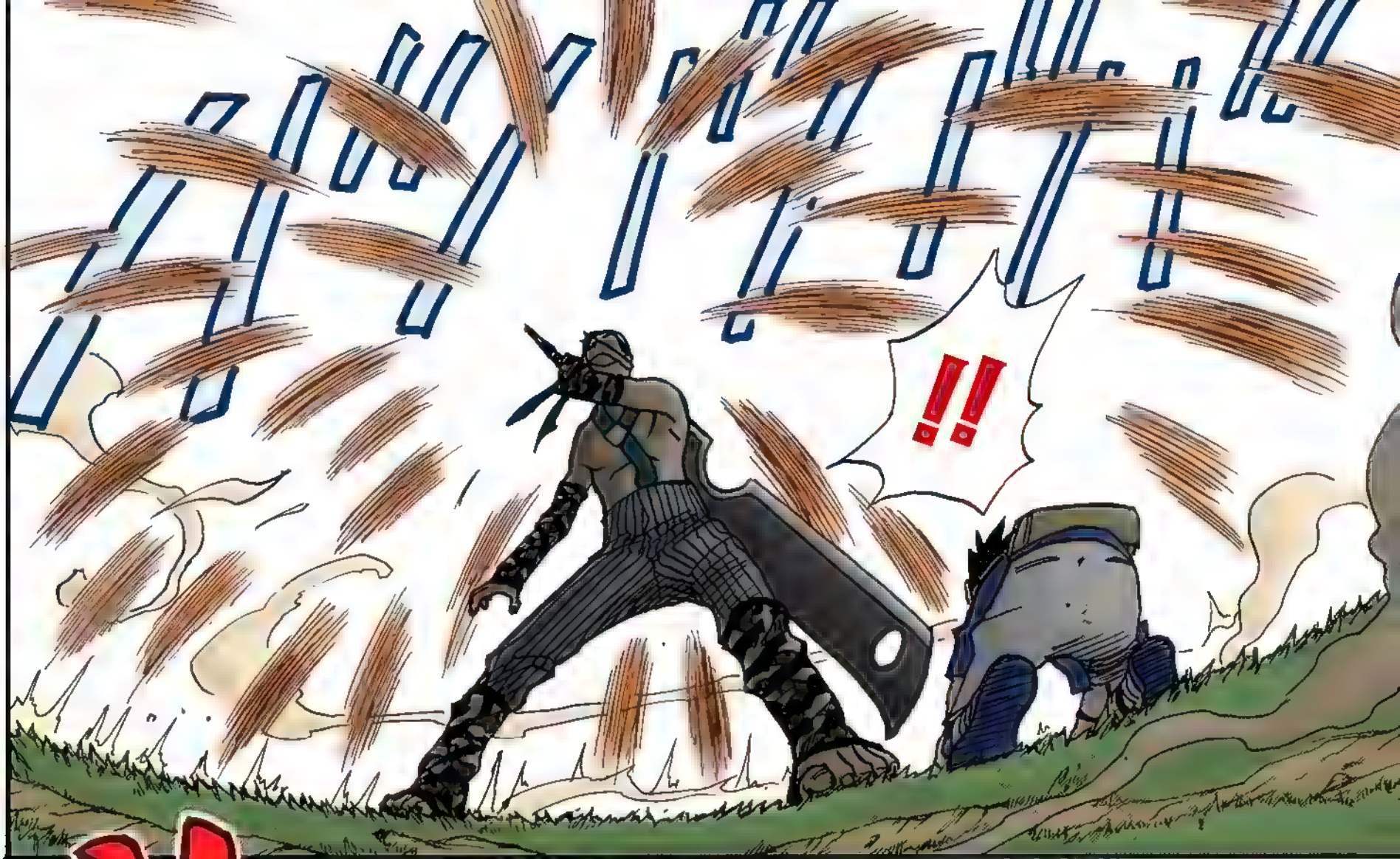


READY
OR
NOT -- !!!



AND
QUITE
ALOT
OF
THEM...

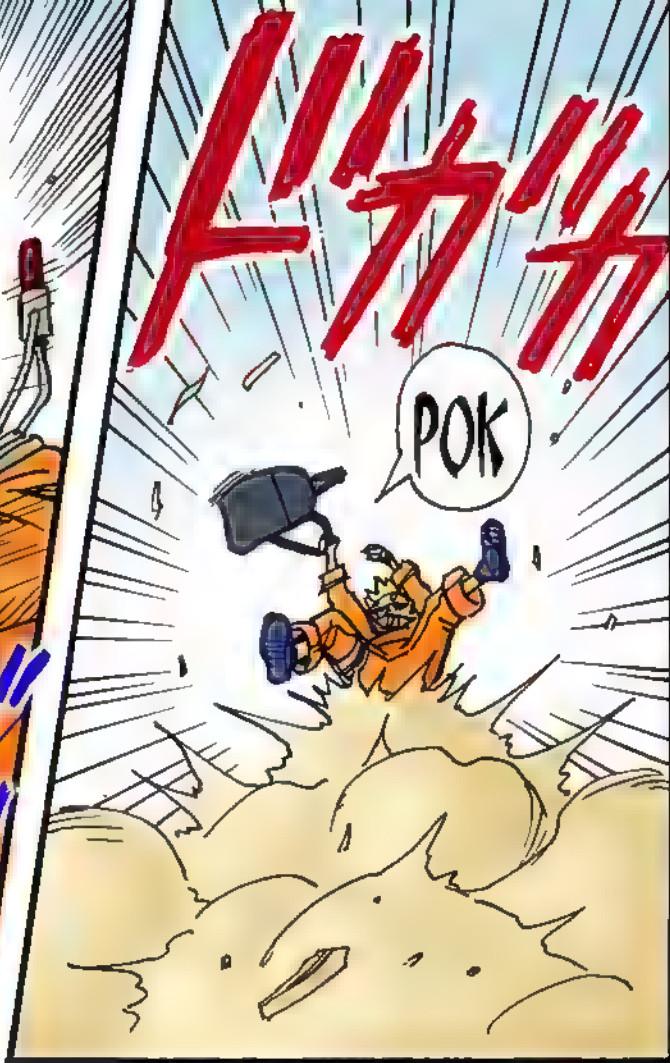
SO...
DOPPEL-
GANGERS,
EH?





も... THIS IS THE LAST THING LEFT THAT MIGHT WORK OUT...

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ドカッ

POK



...THEY DID STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT MONSTER..

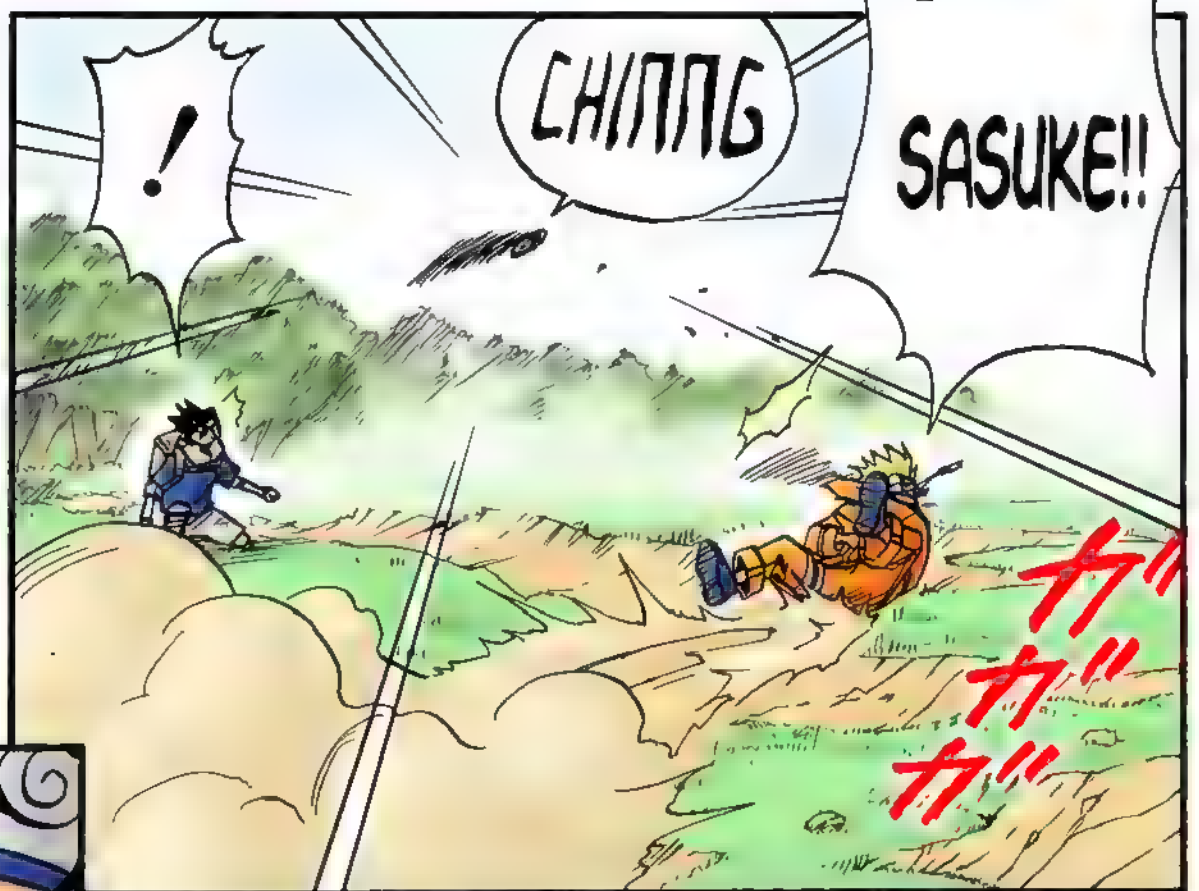
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INCREDIBLE! JUST WHEN I THOUGHT... 無理じゃ...



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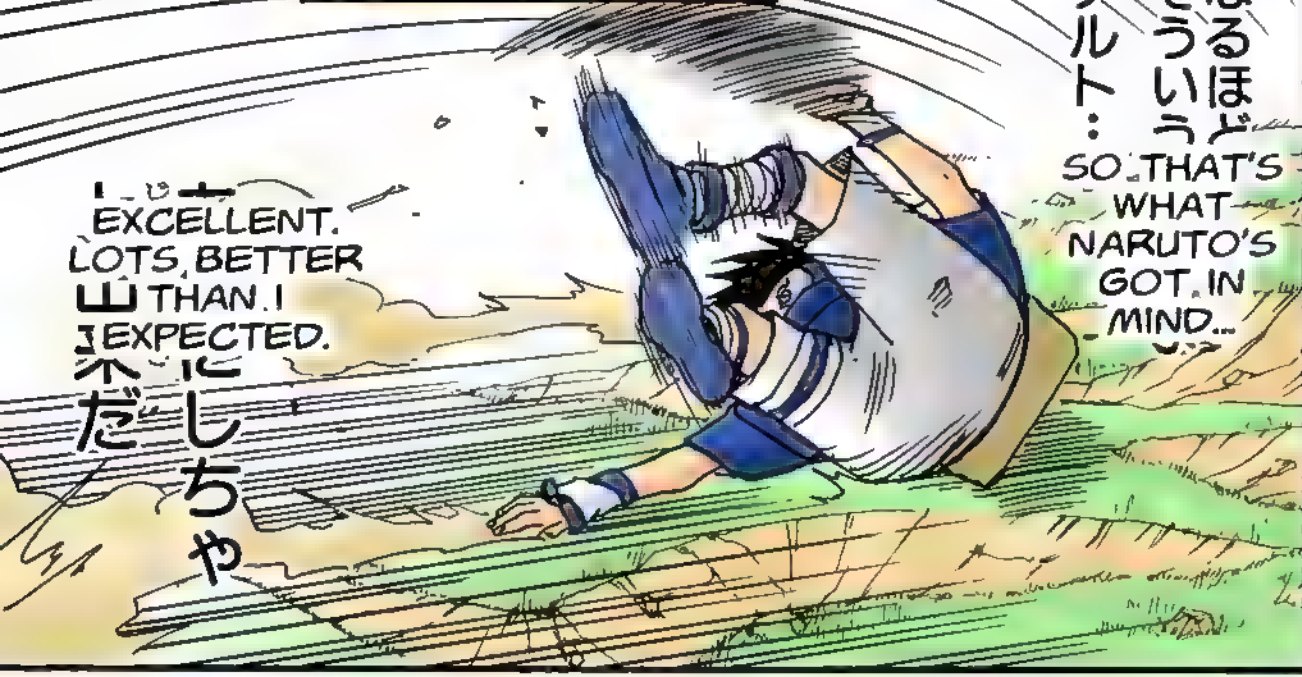
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CHIPP

SASUKE!!

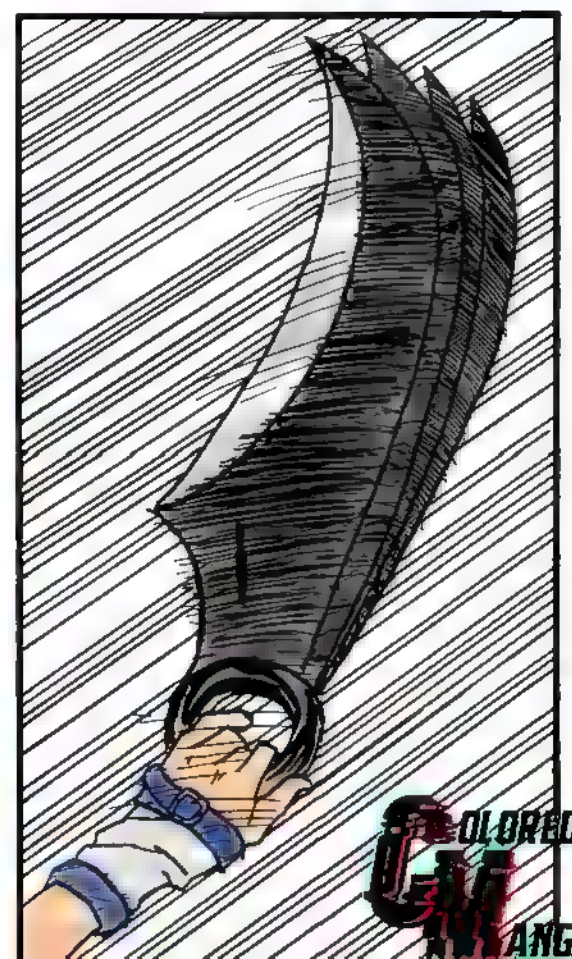
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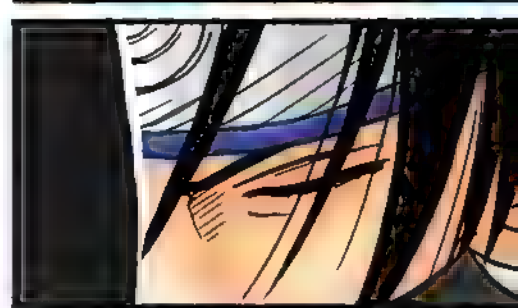
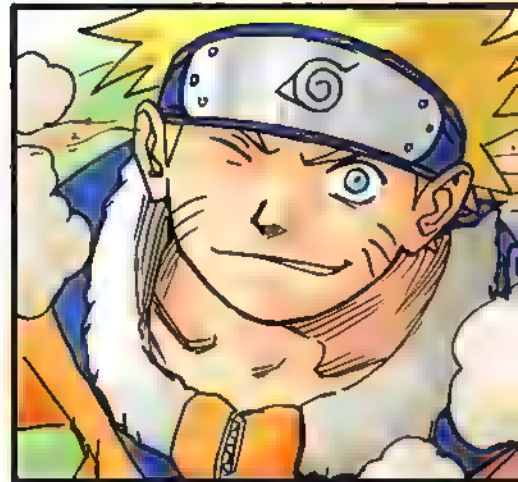


EXCELLENT. LOTS BETTER THAN I EXPECTED.

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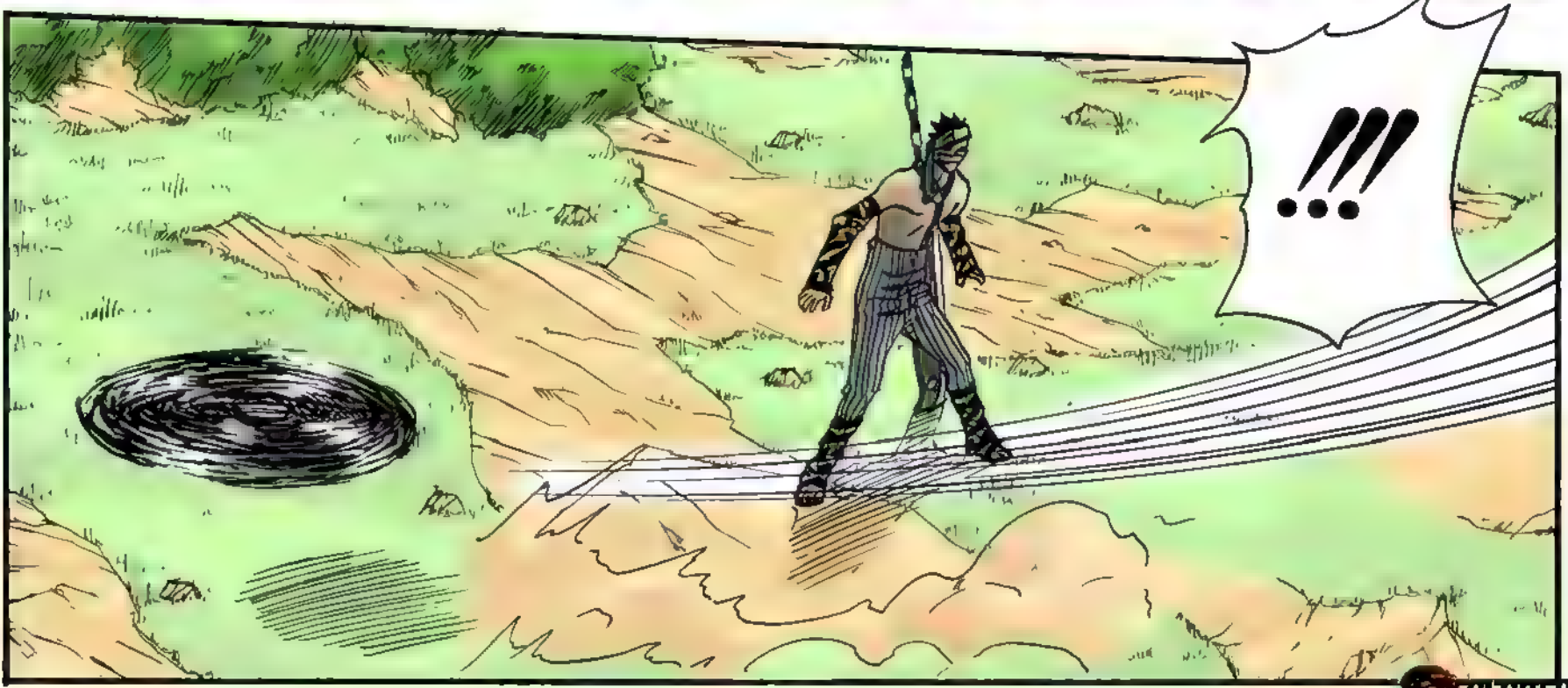
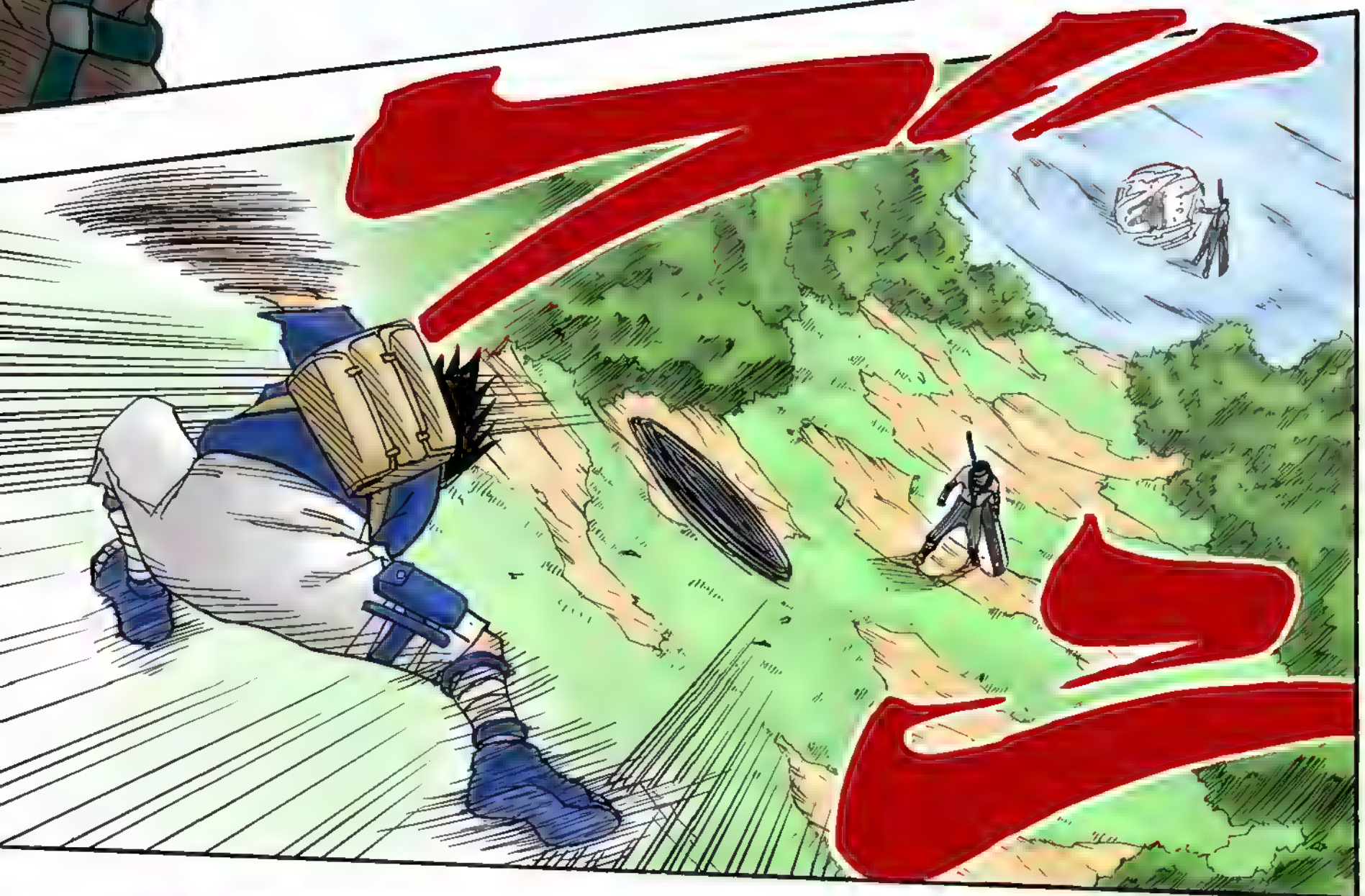
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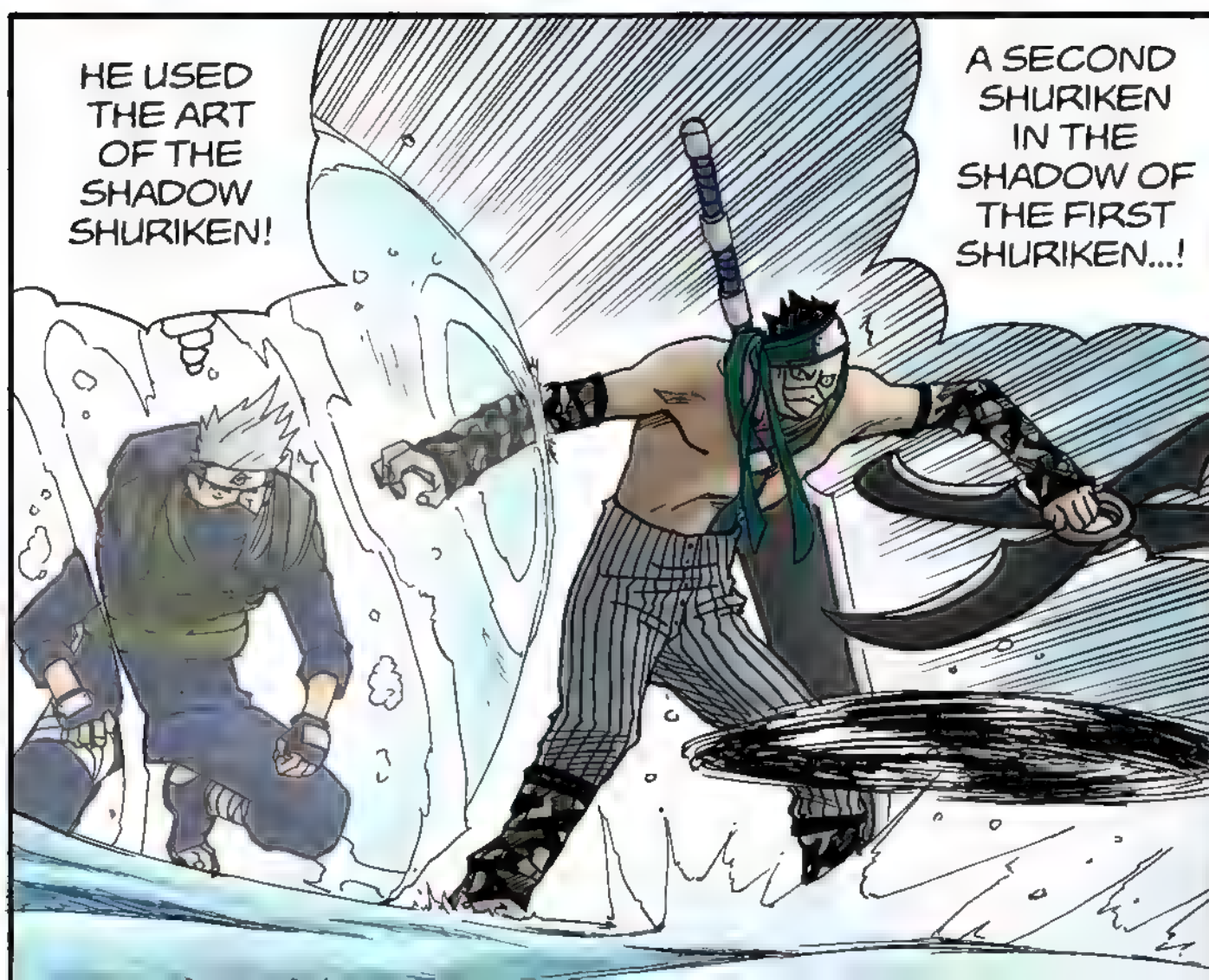
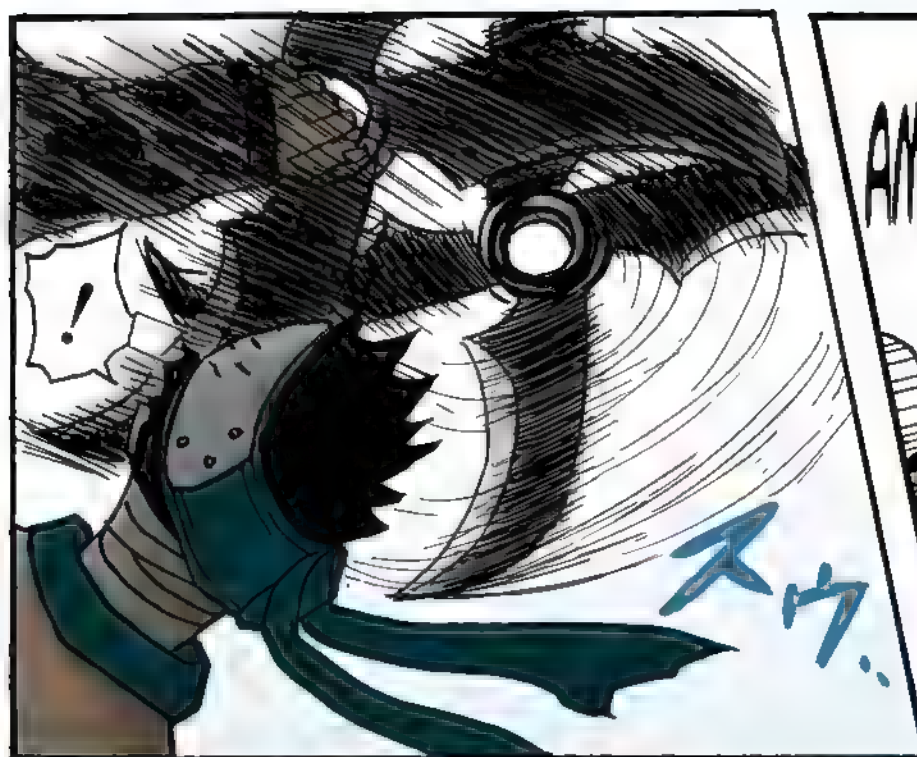
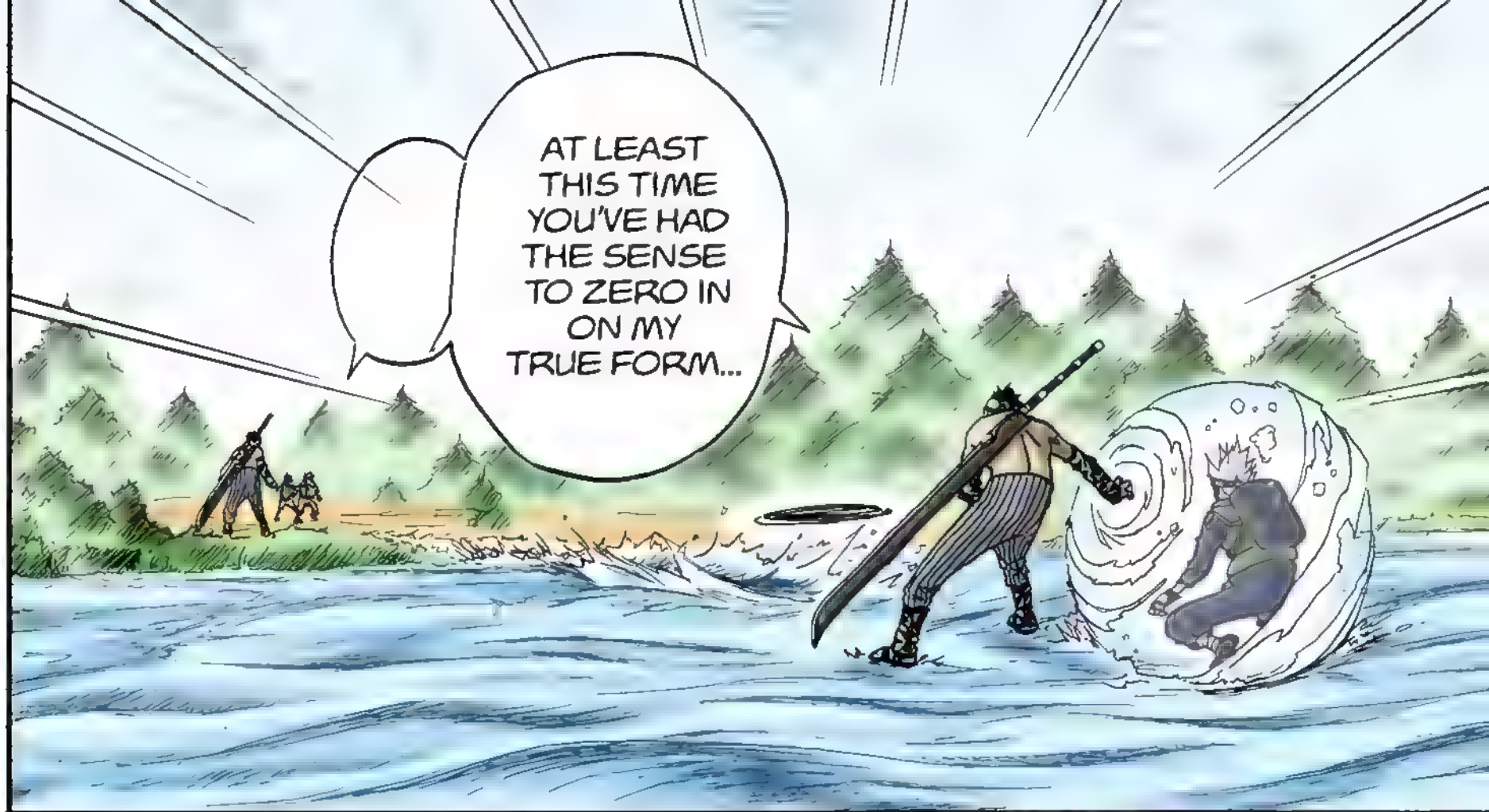


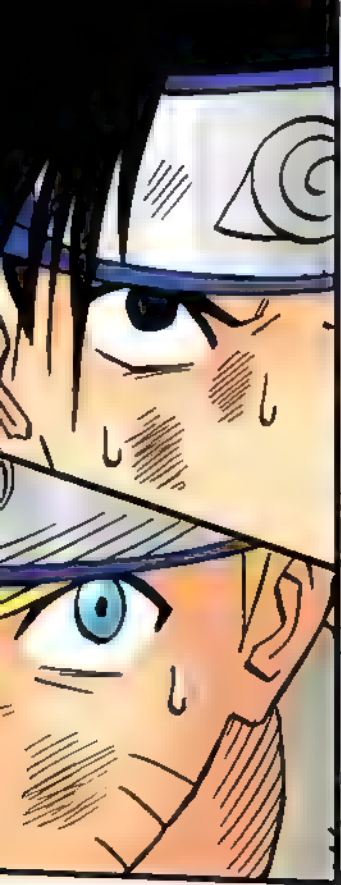




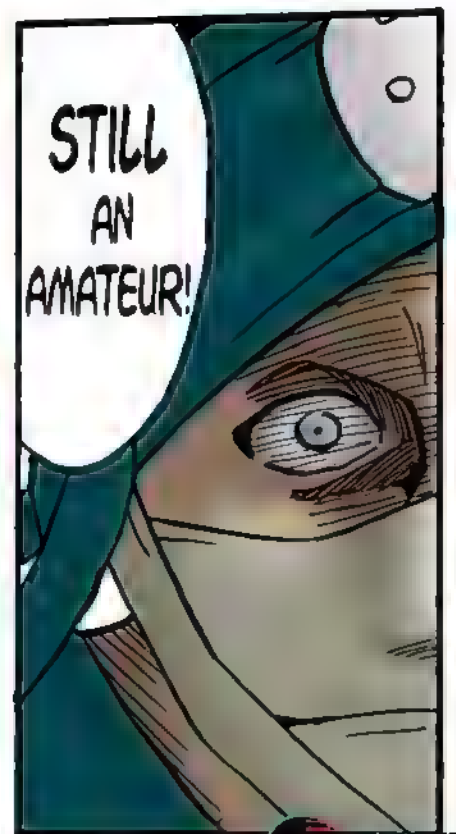
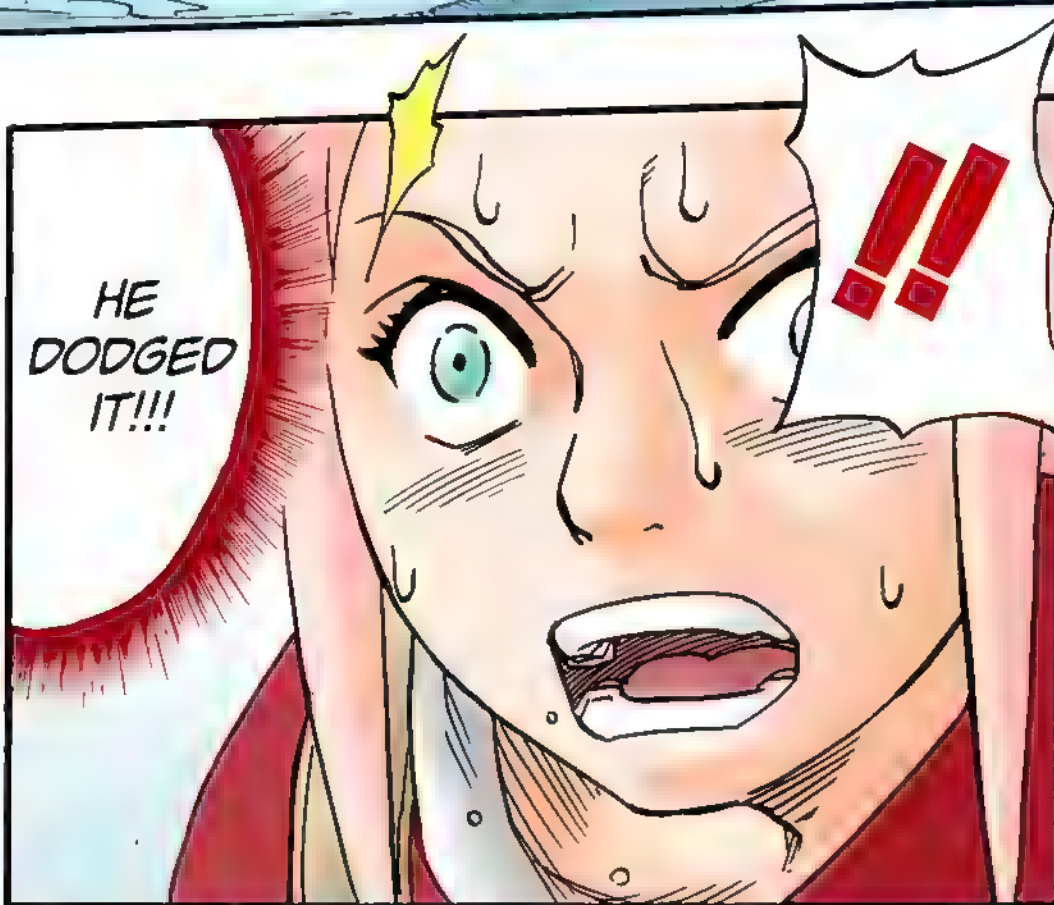
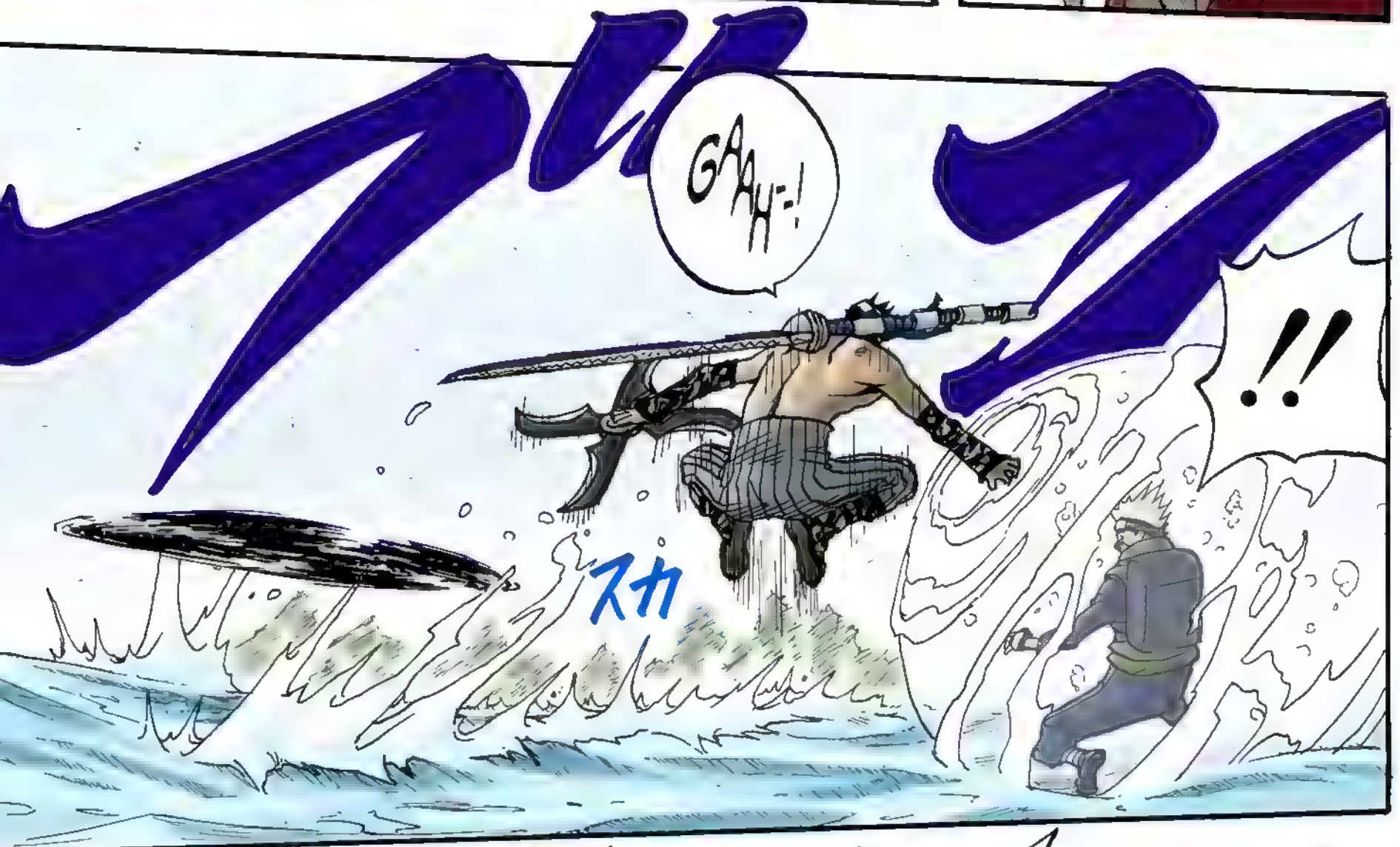
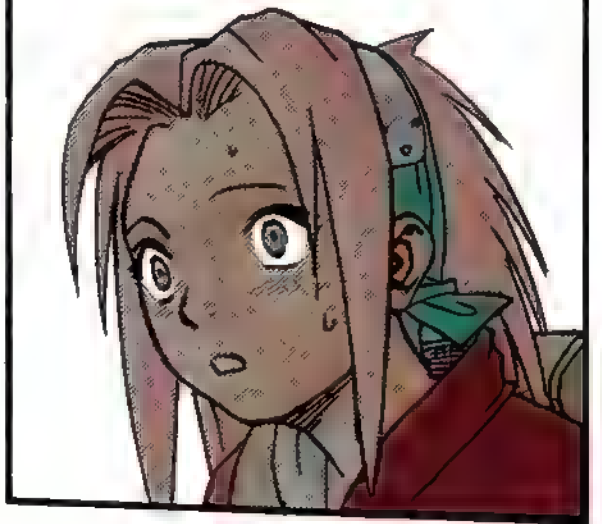
SHURIKEN
ARE
USELESS
AGAINST
ME!

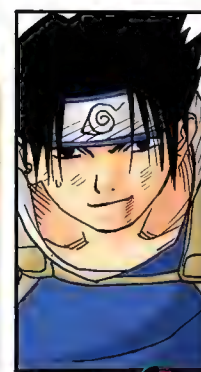
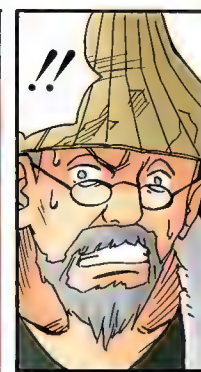
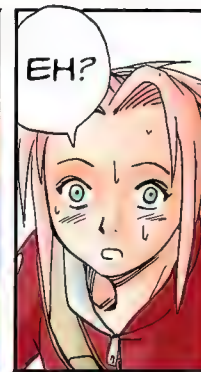
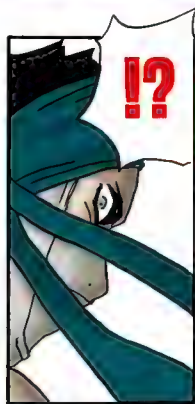






THERE WAS
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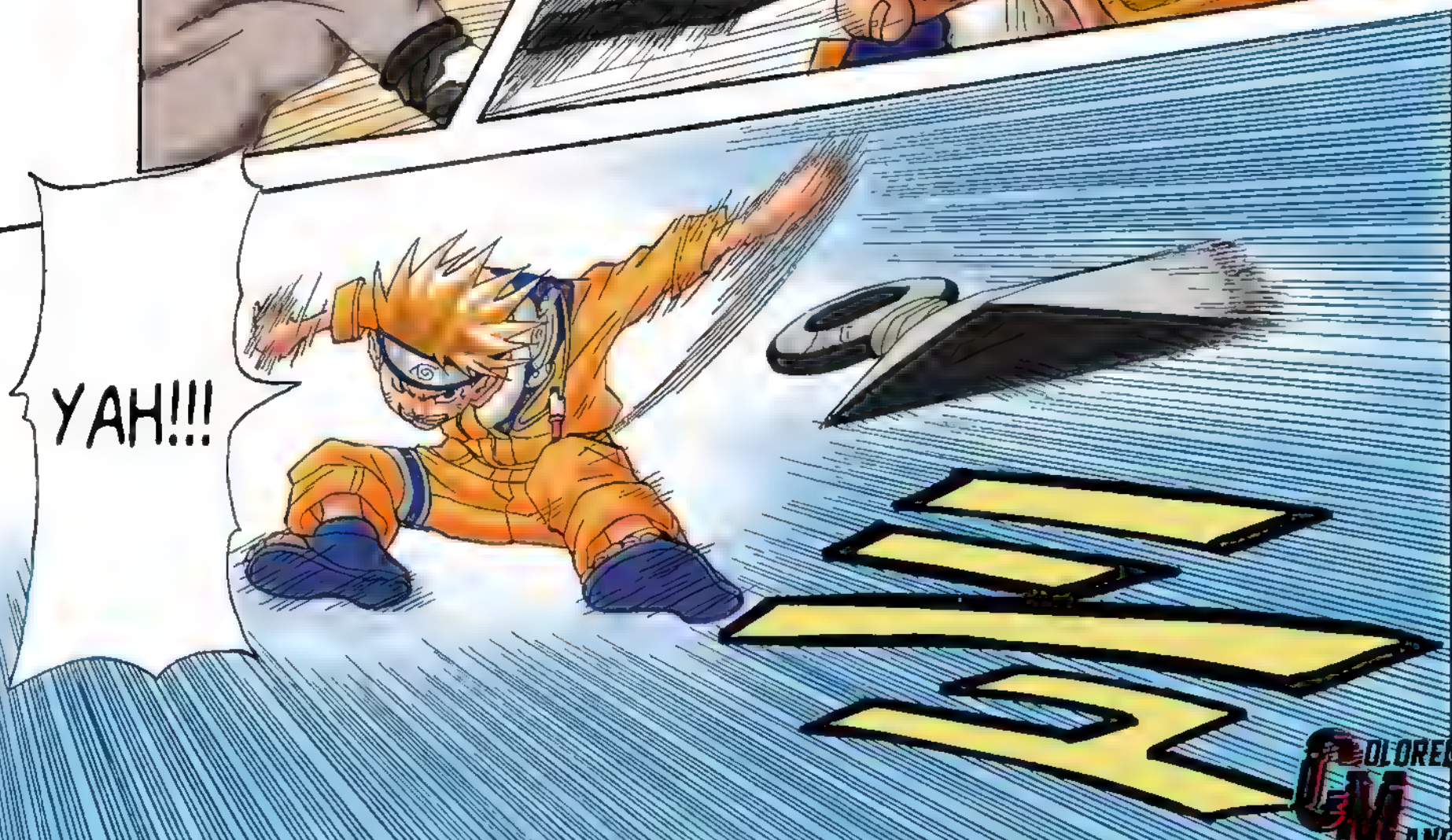
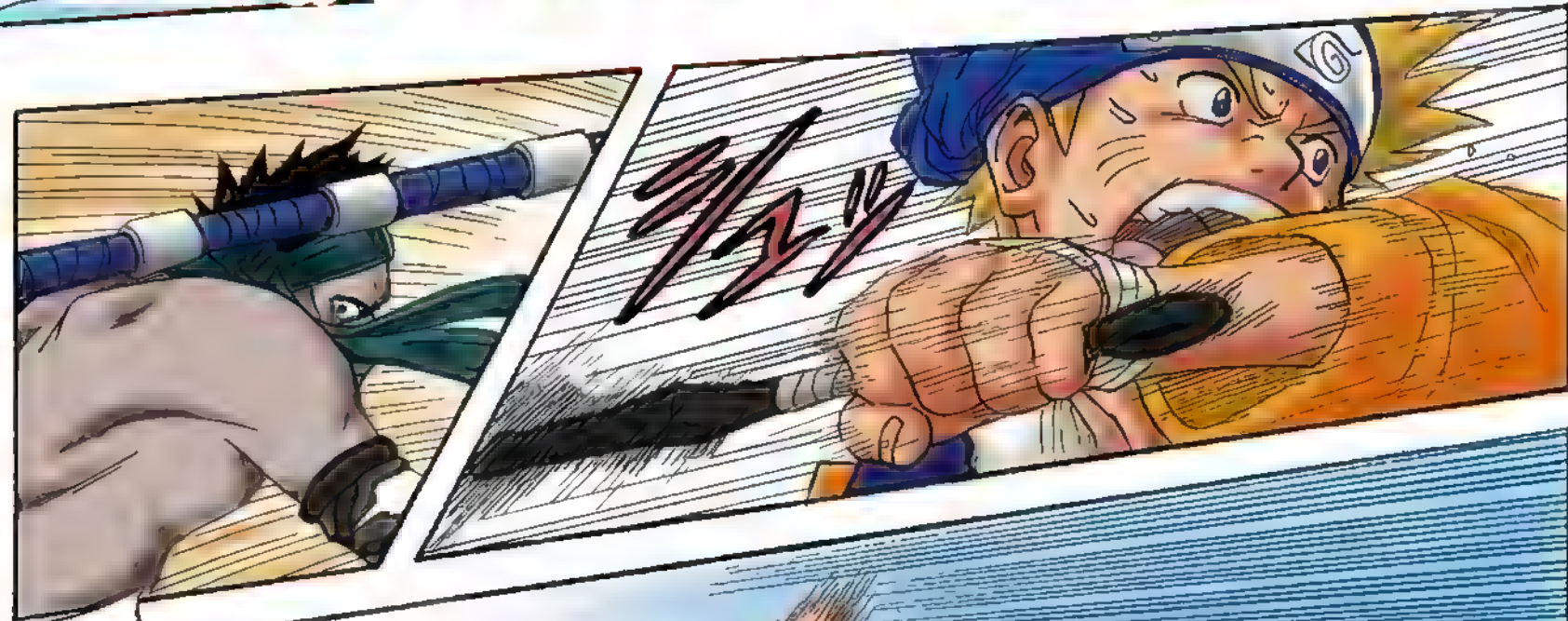








ナンバー 15: 甦る写輪眼!!
RETURN OF THE SHARINGAN



YAH!!!

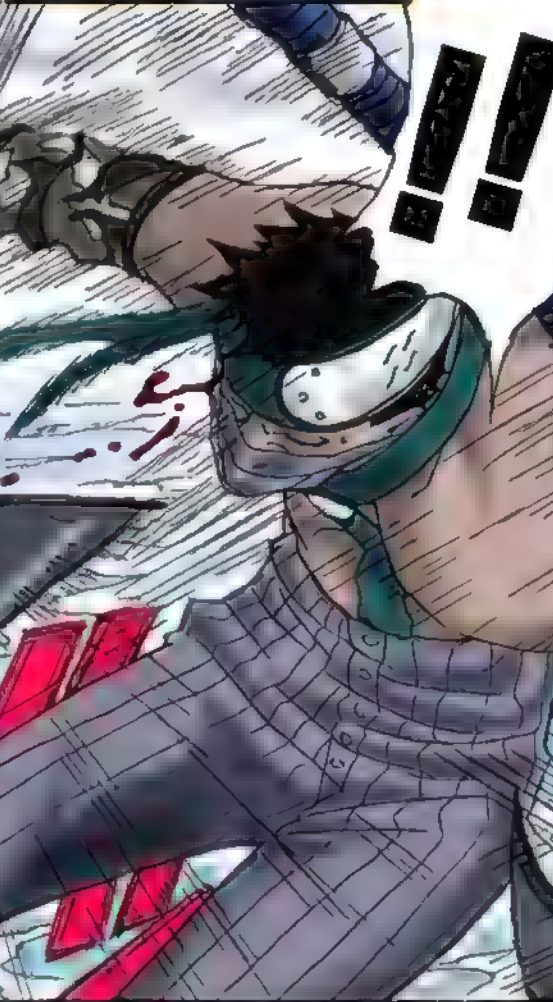
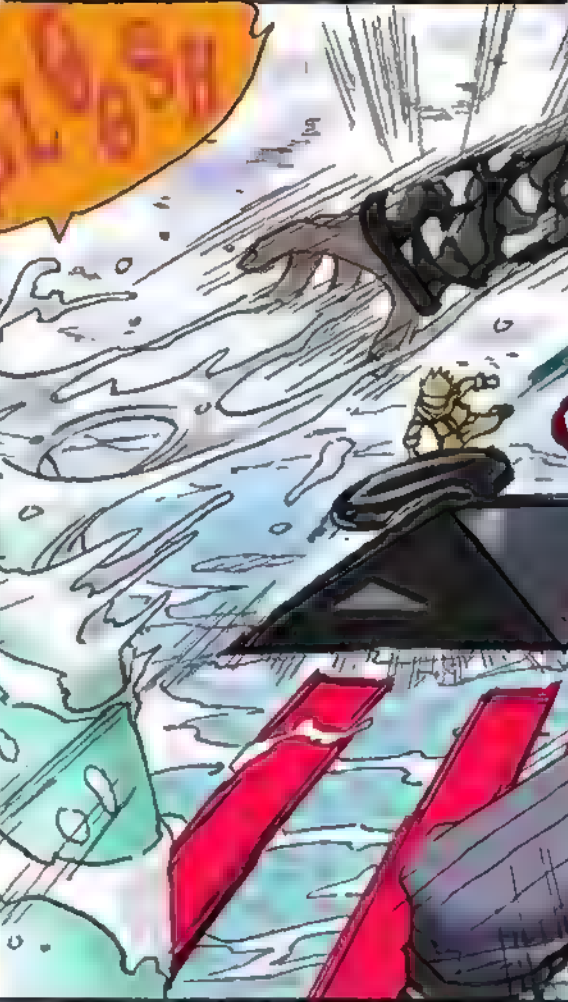
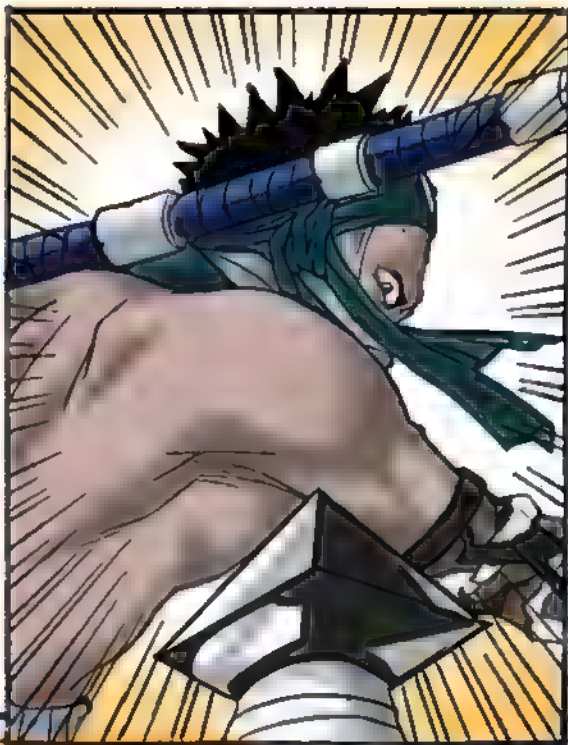
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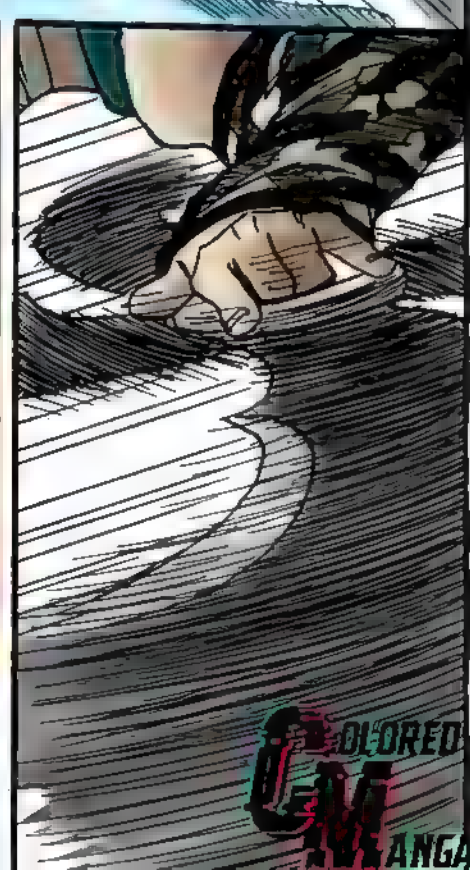
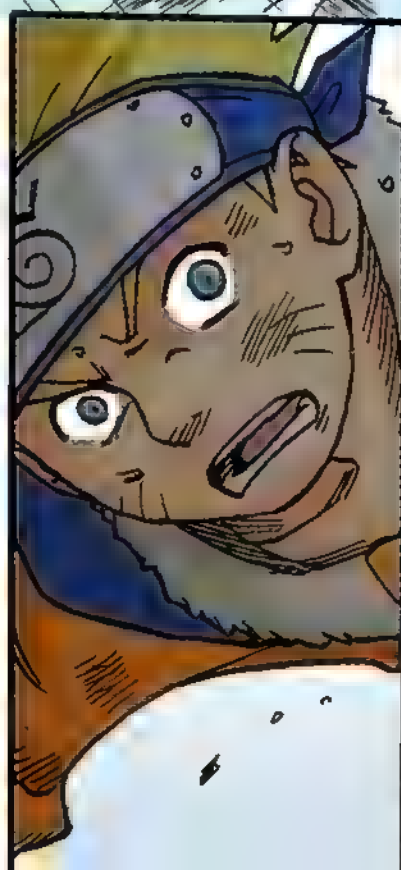
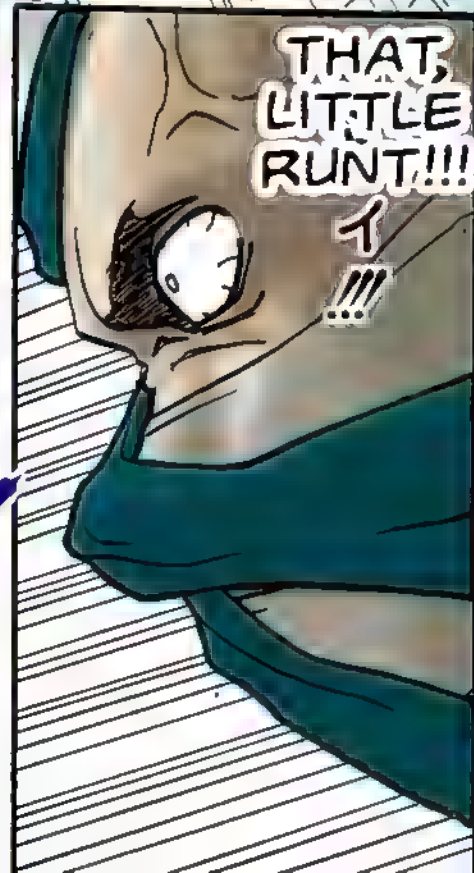
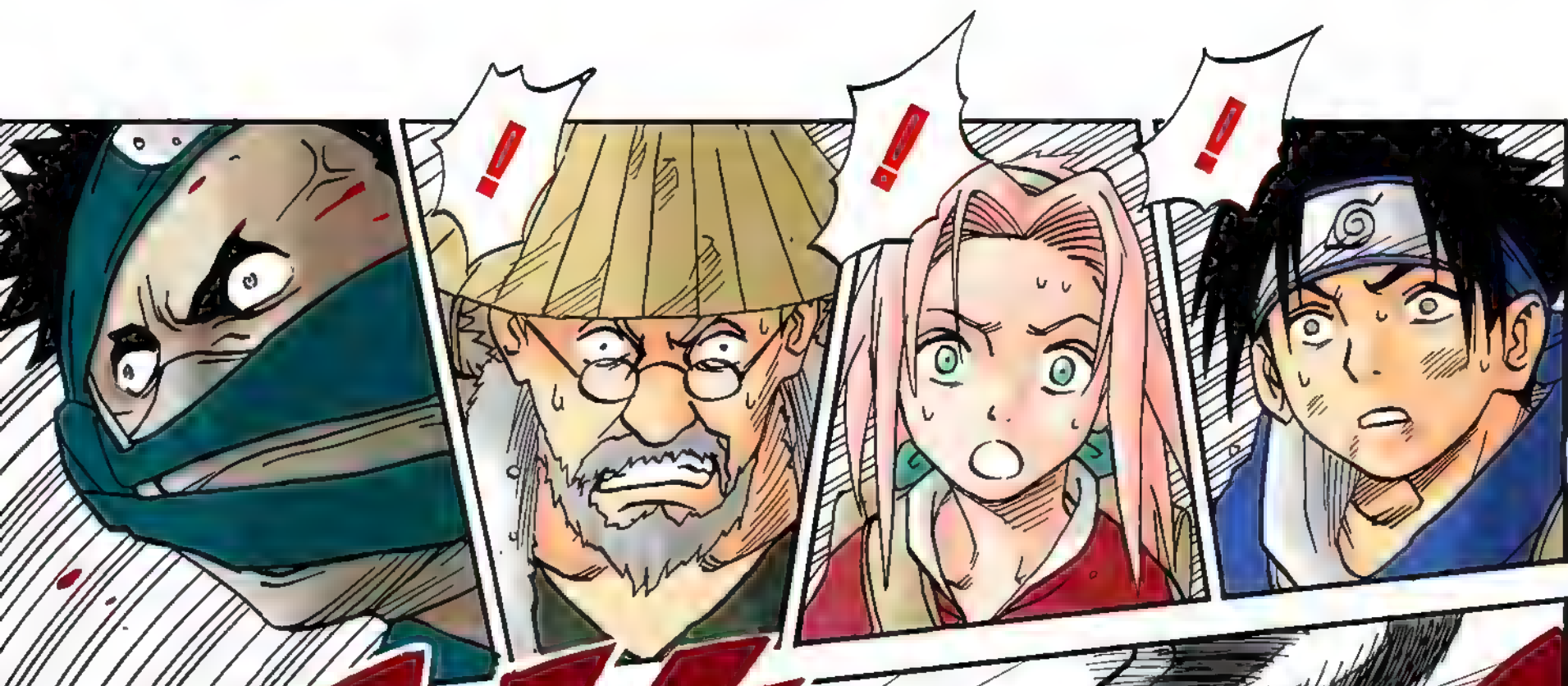
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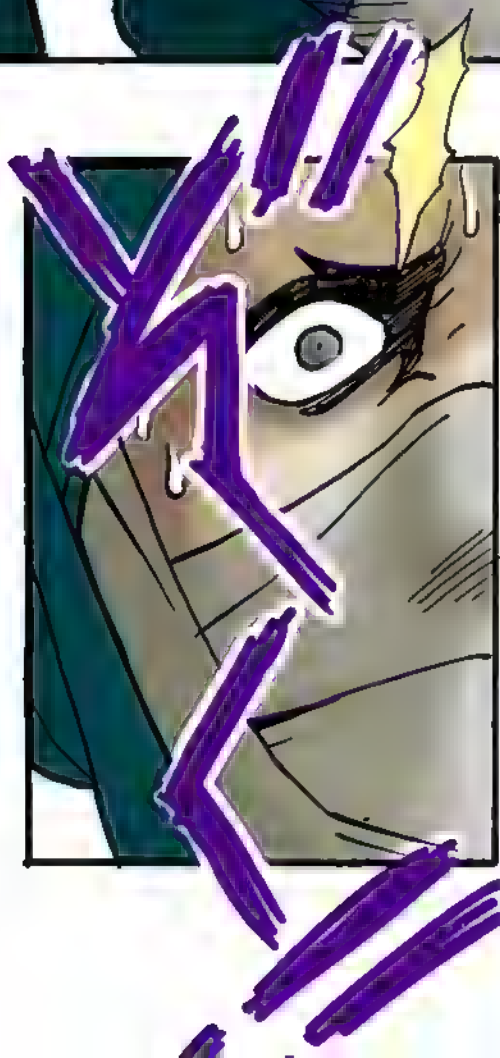
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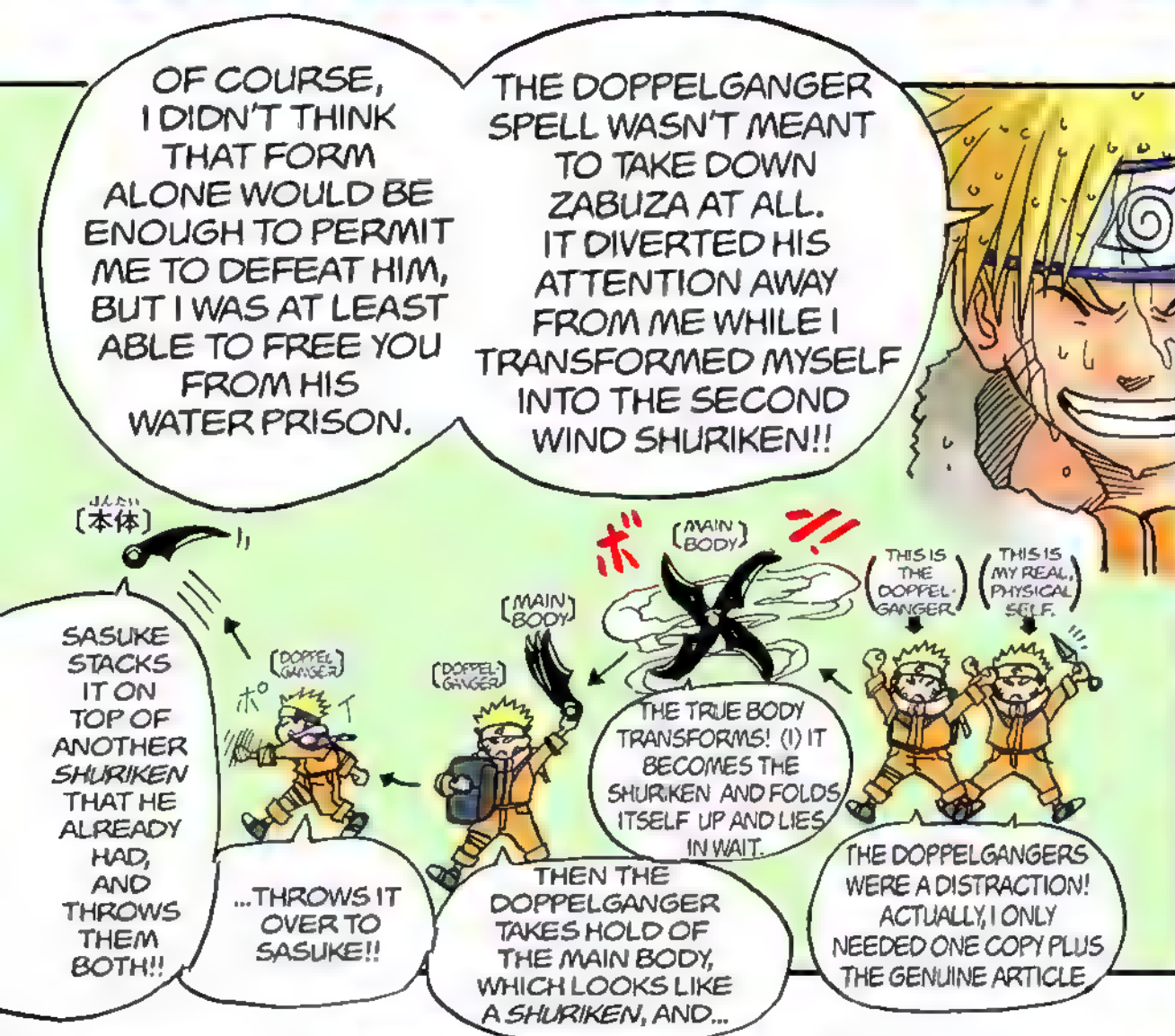
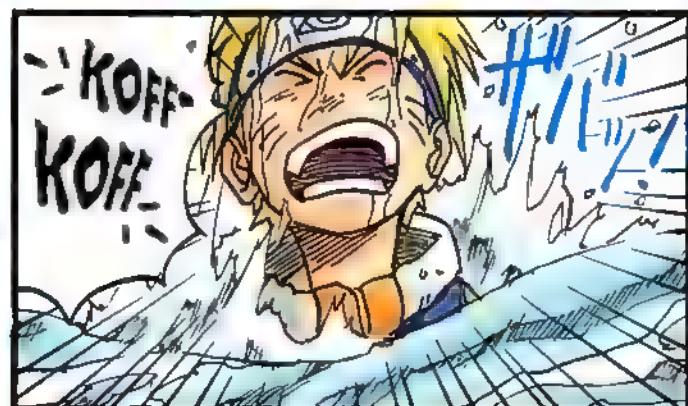
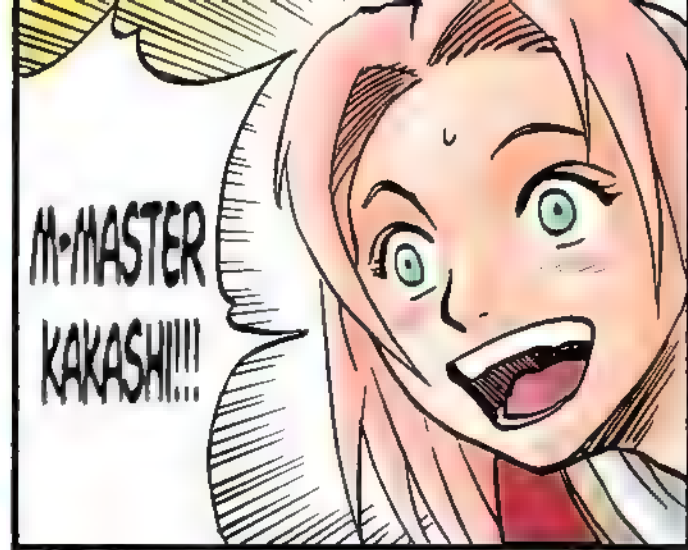
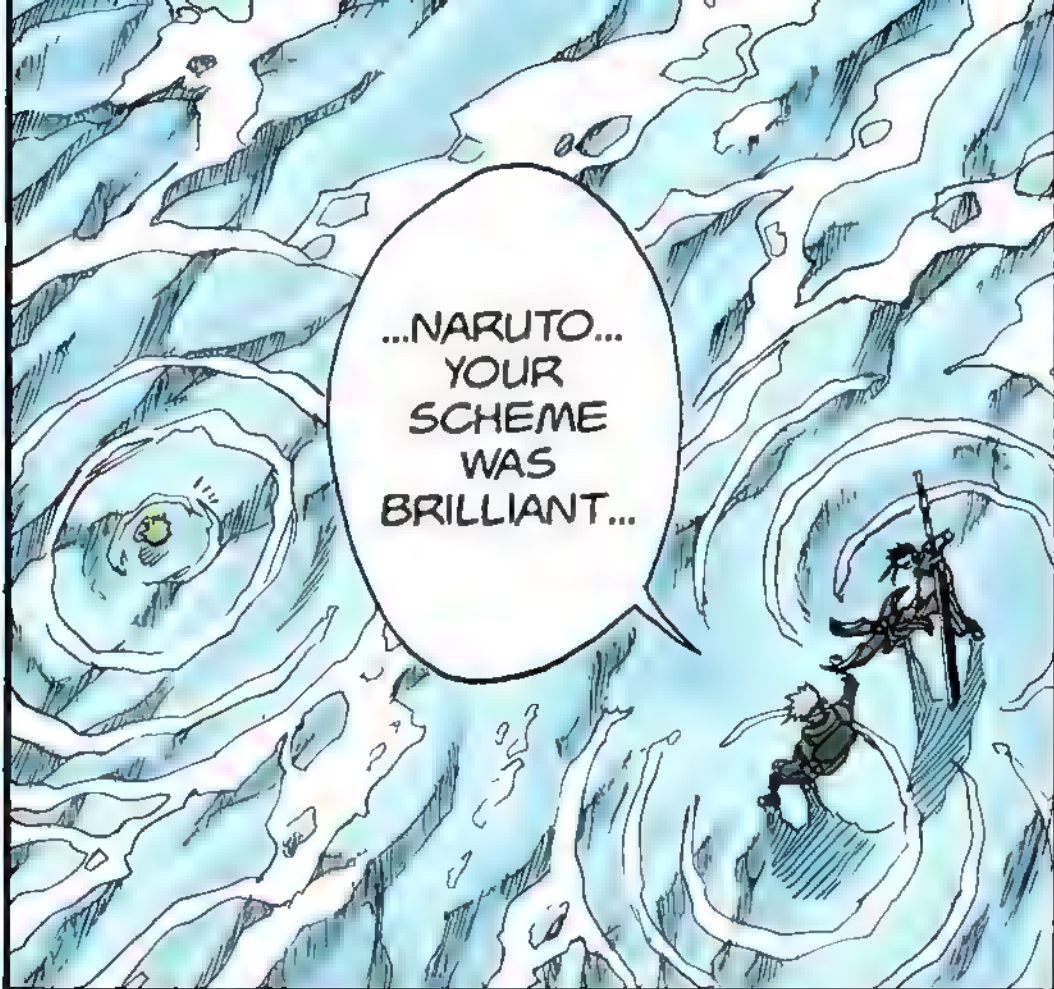
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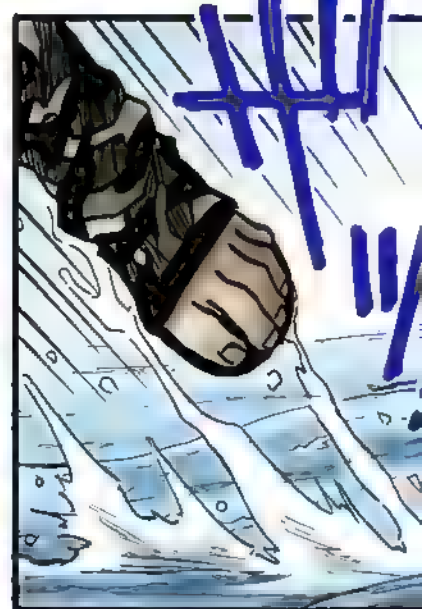
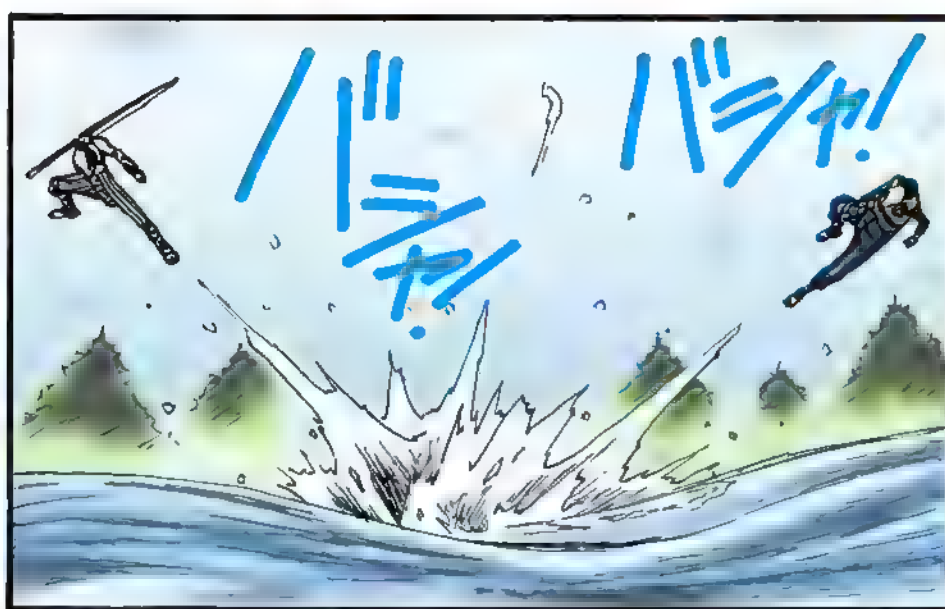
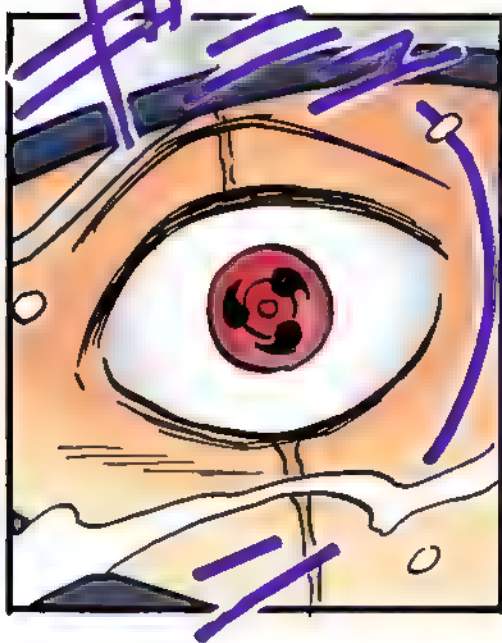


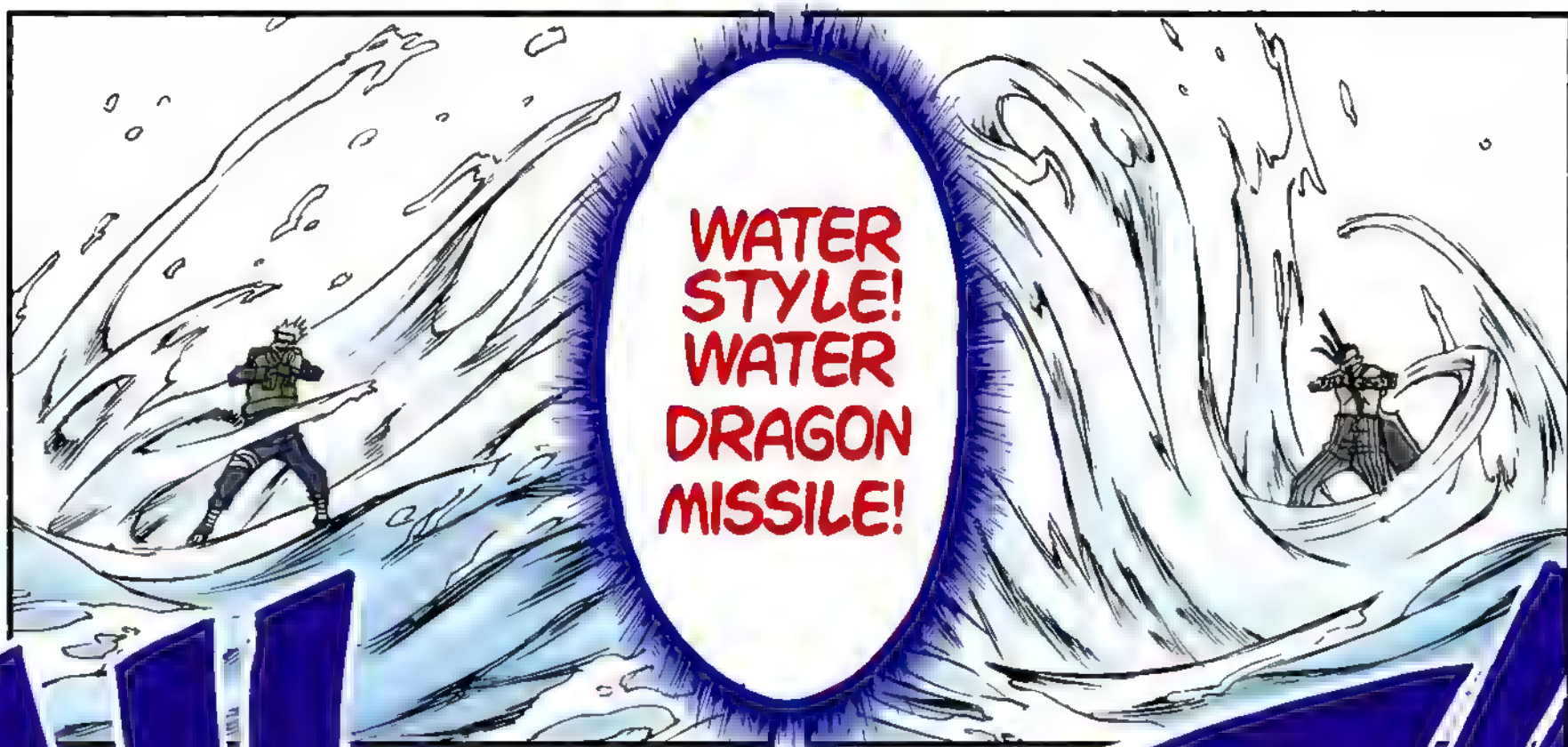


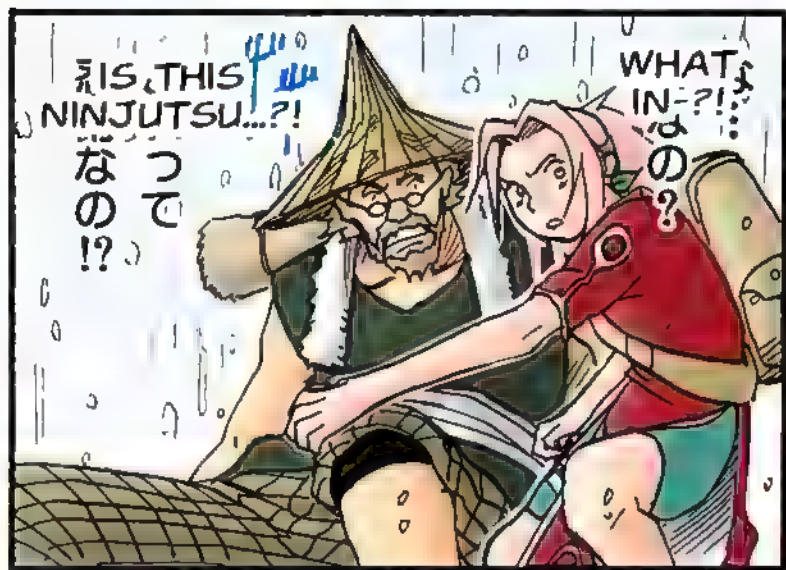
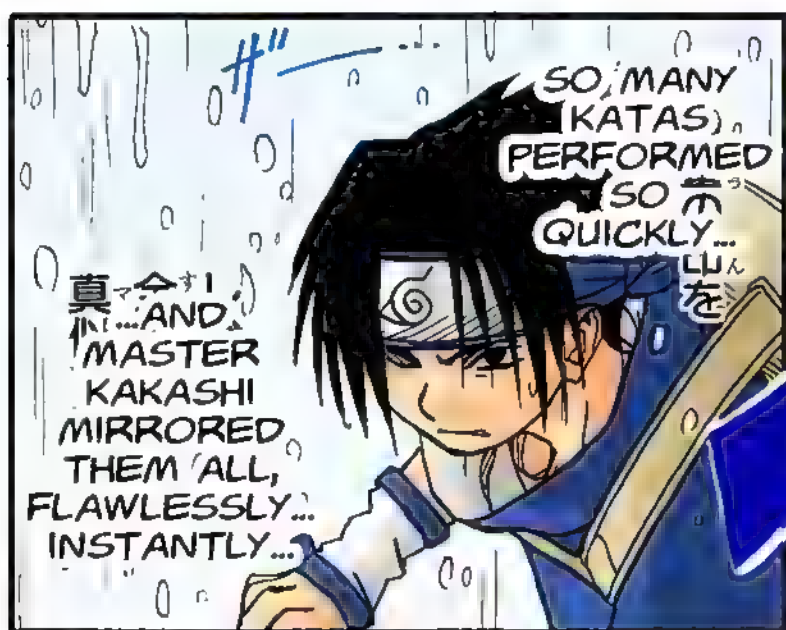


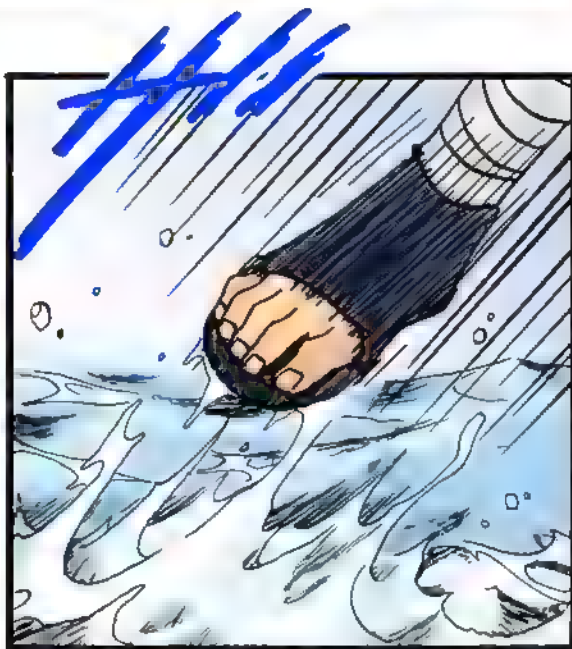
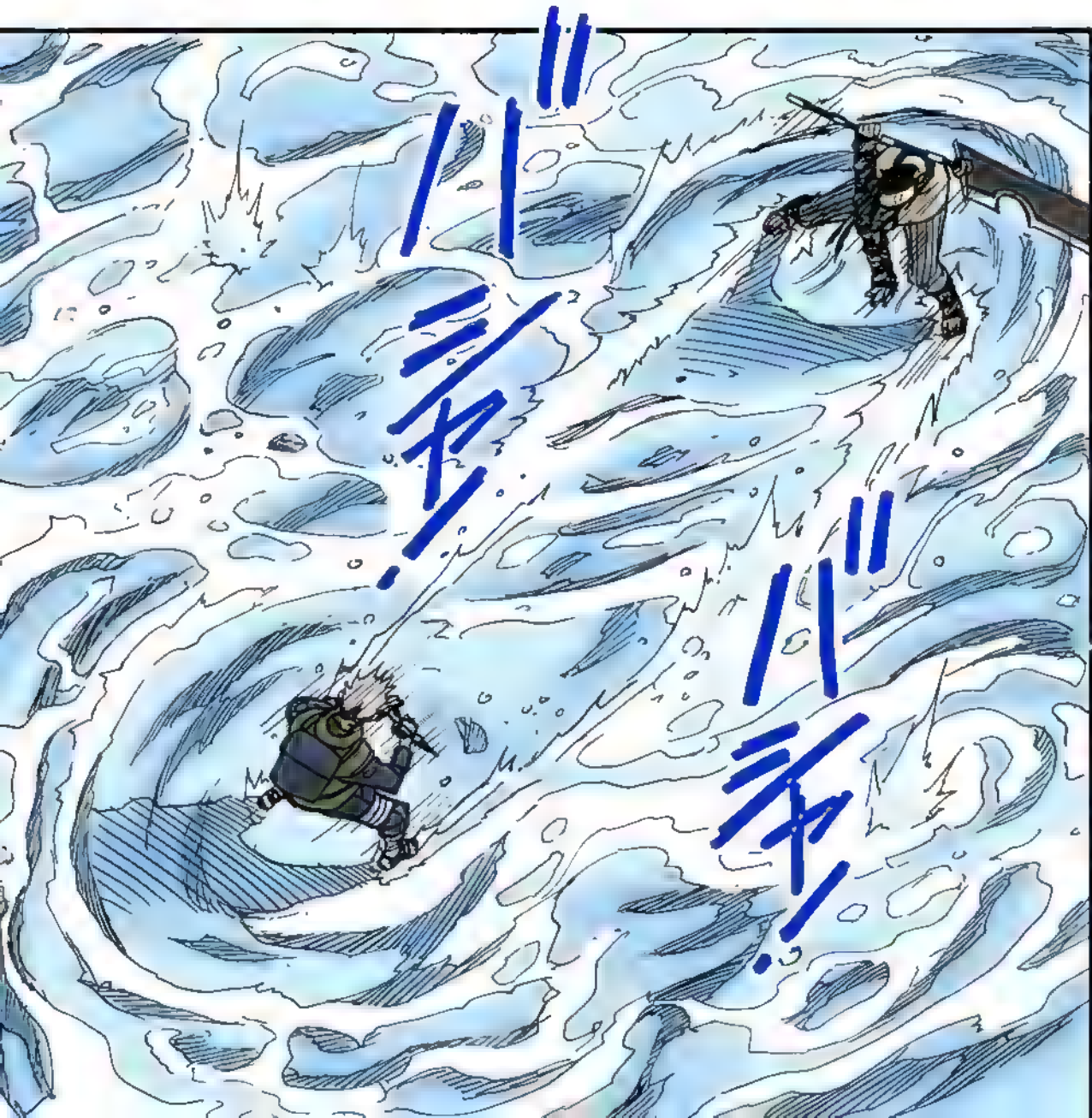
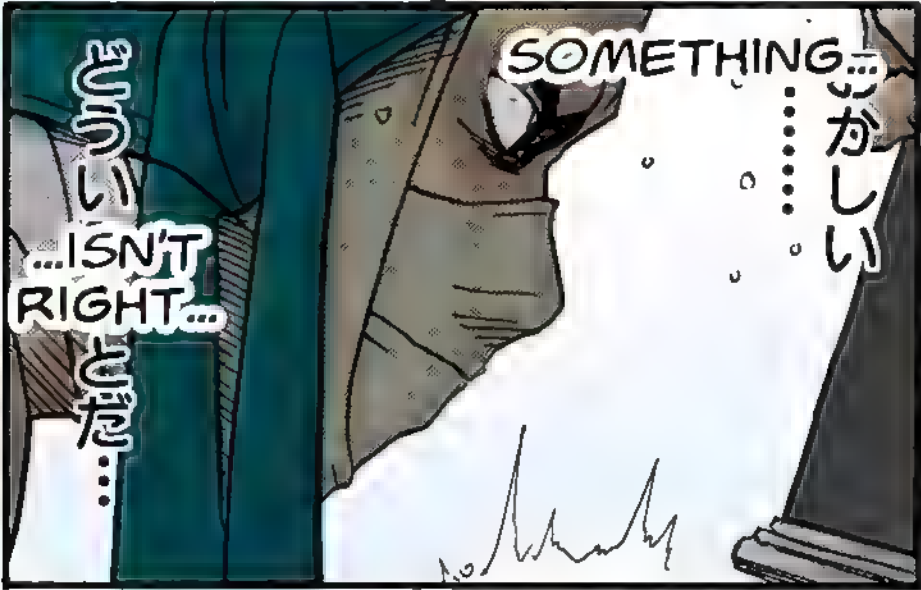


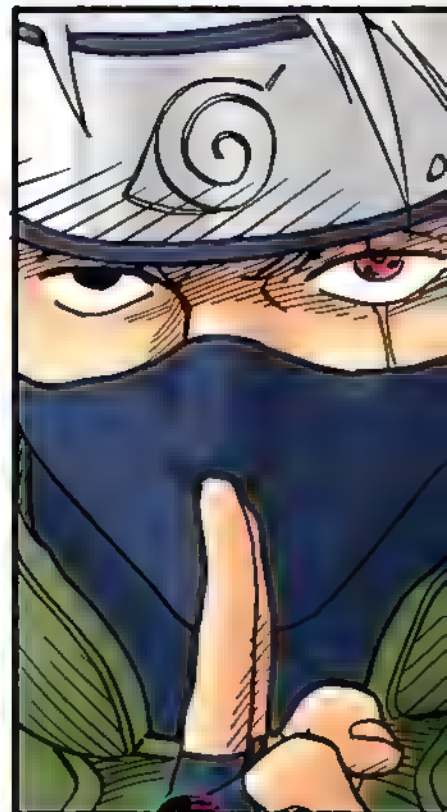
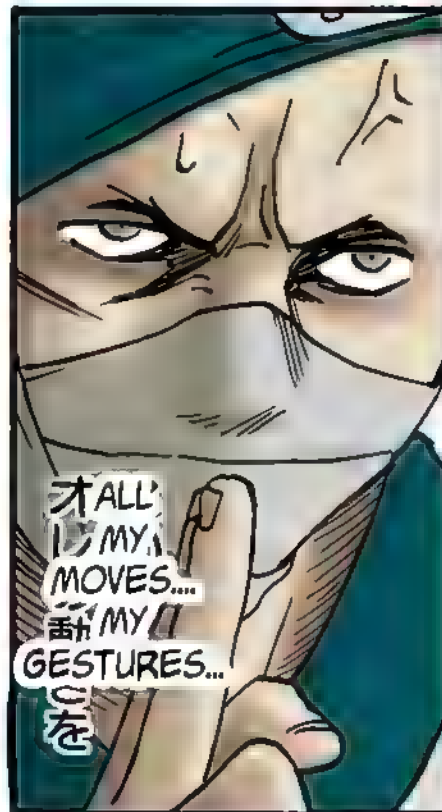
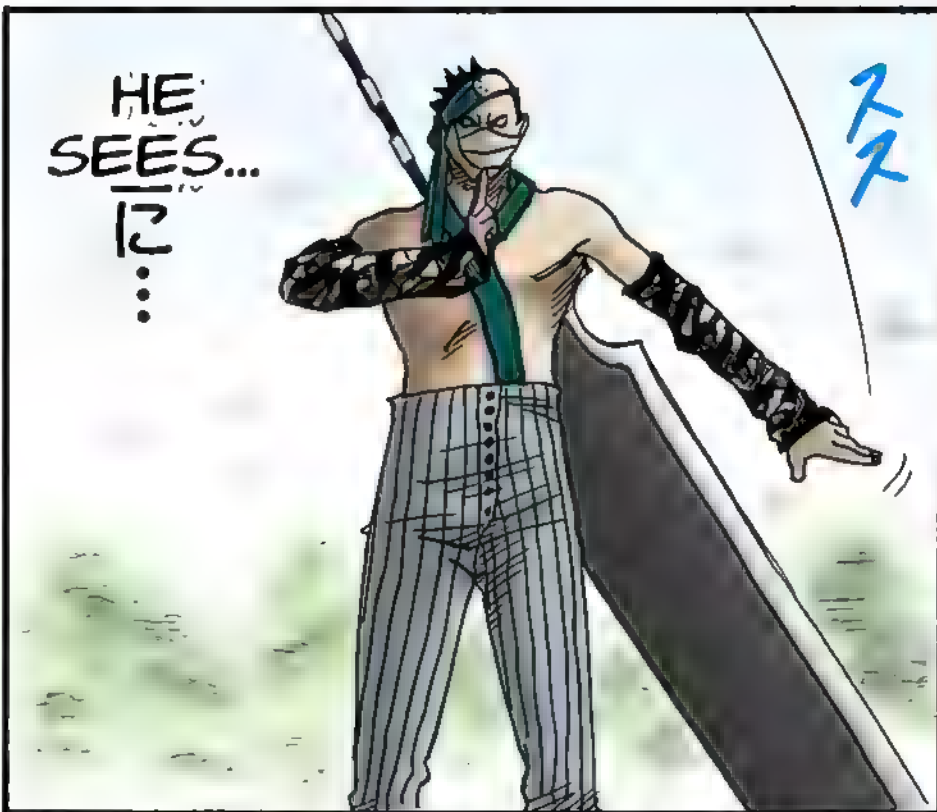
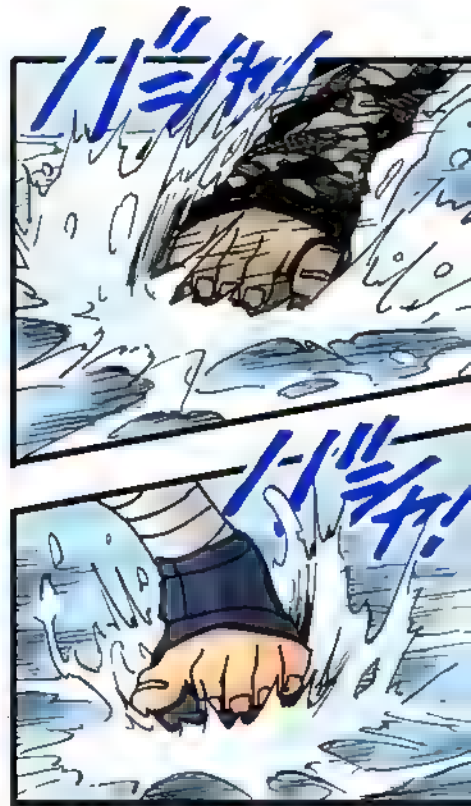
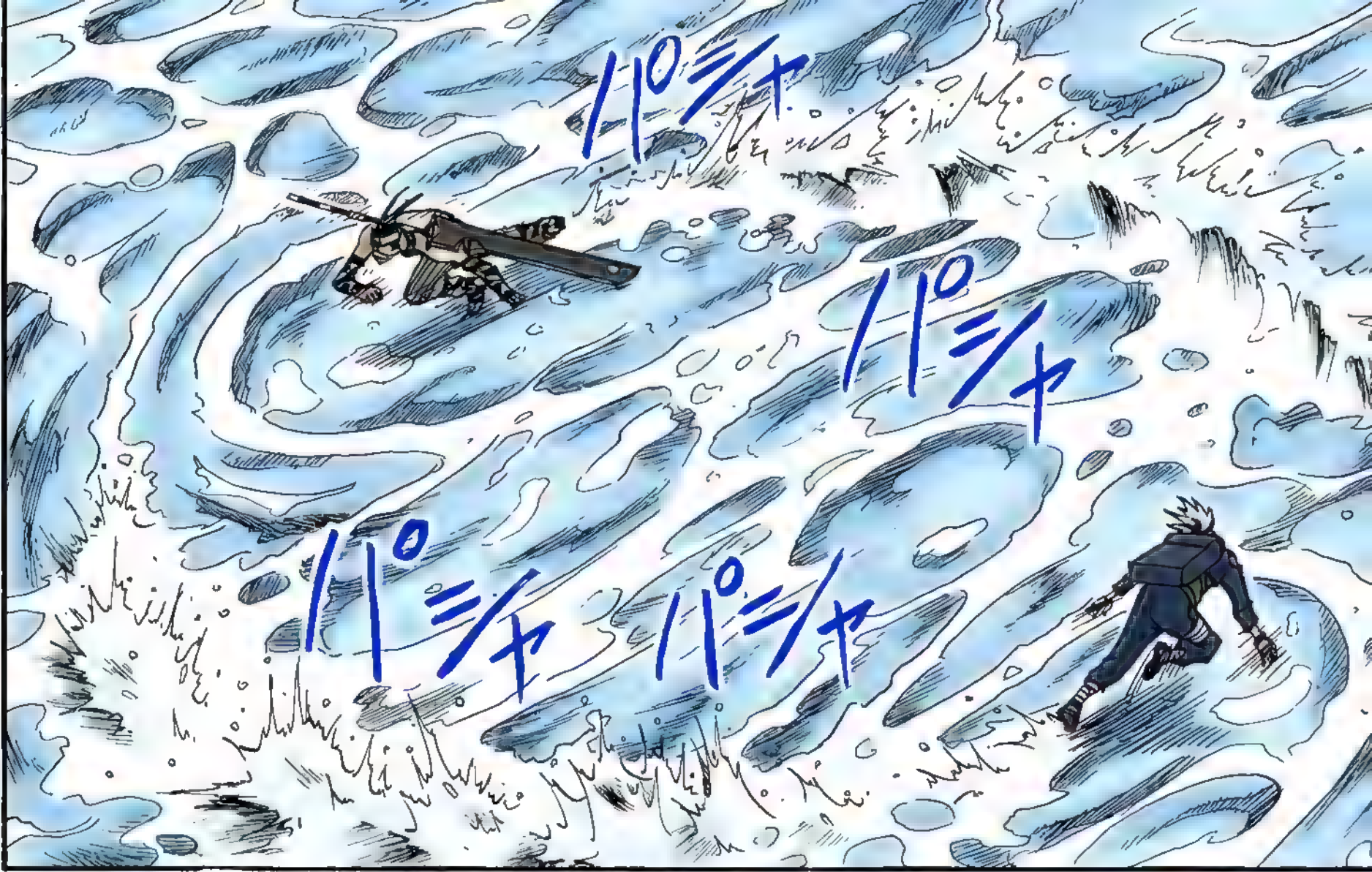


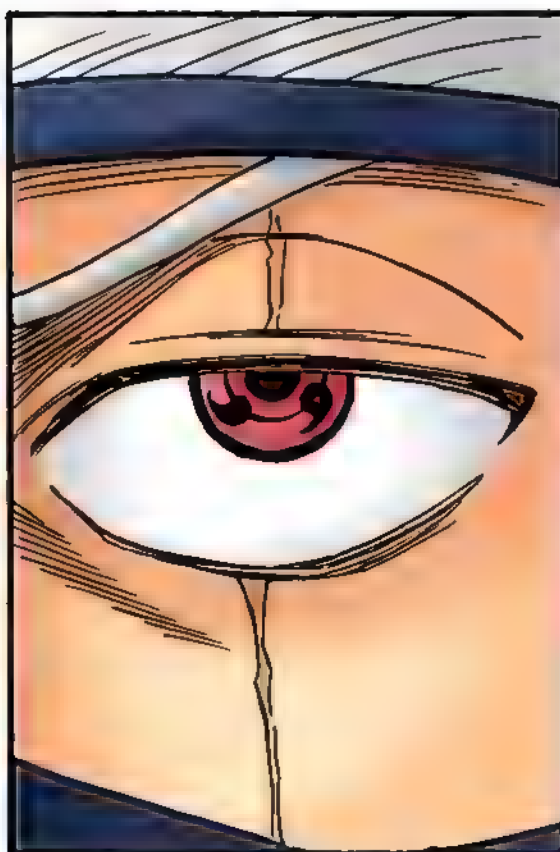
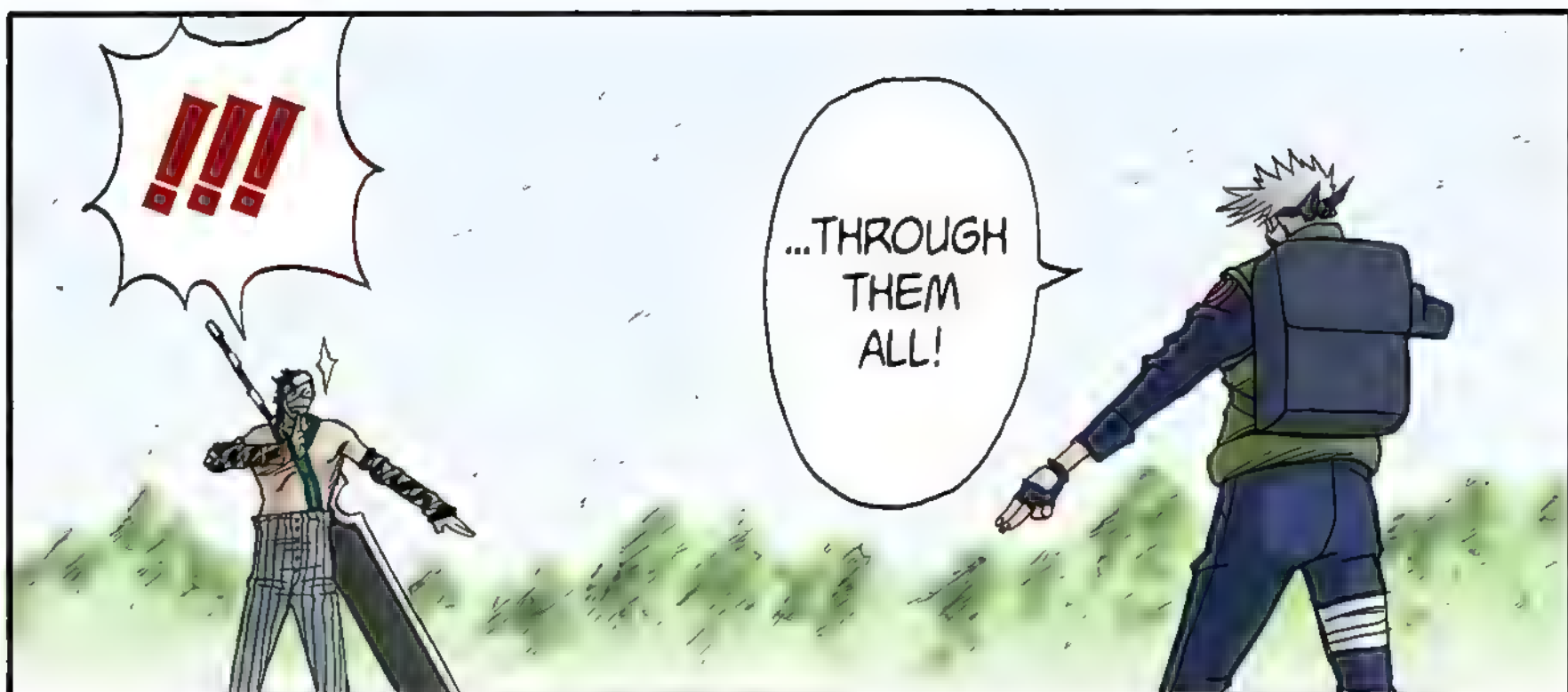










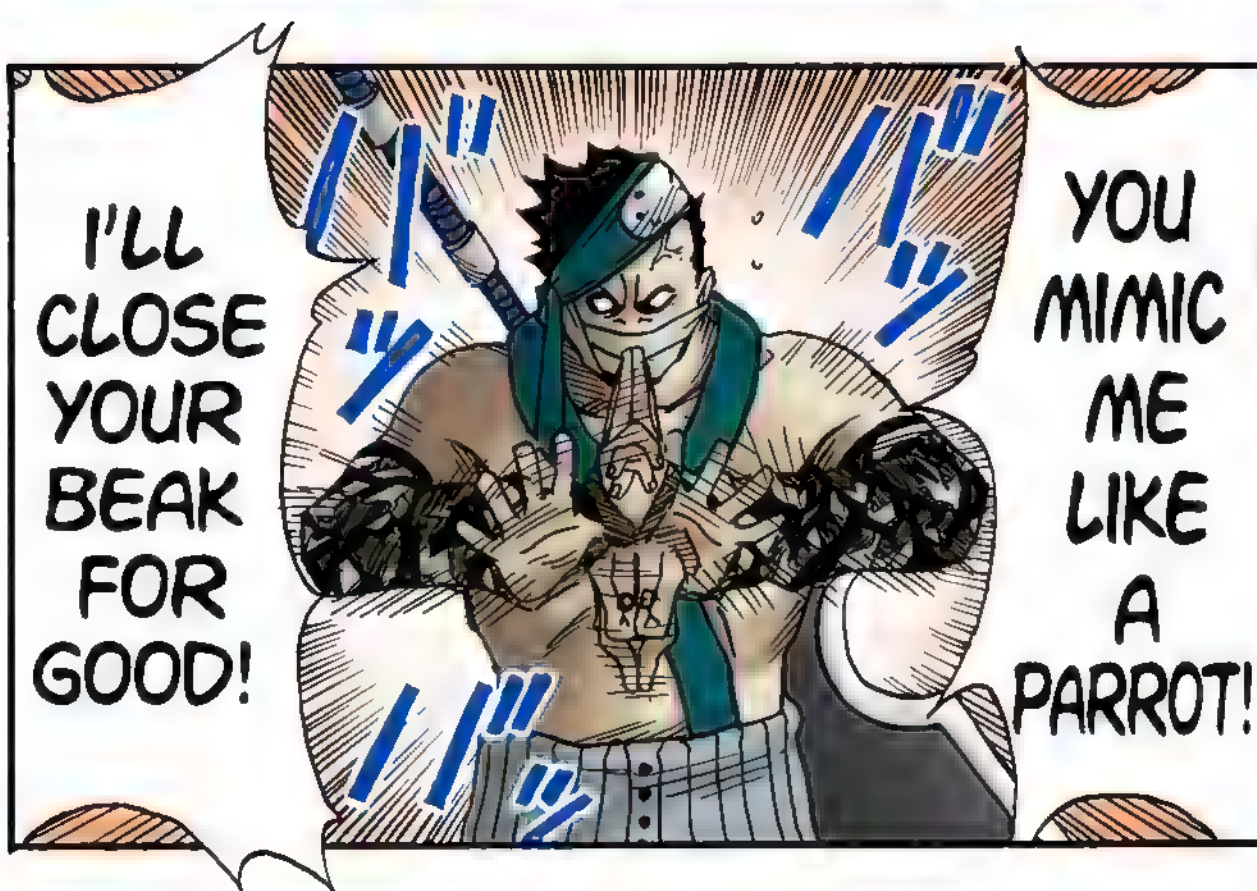




I'M THE
GENUINE
ARTICLE.
NO MERE
COPYCAT
STANDS A
CHANCE
AGAINST ME.



FEH...
YOU'RE A
PALE
IMITATION.



I'LL
CLOSE
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BEAK
FOR
GOOD!

YOU
MIMIC
ME
LIKE
A
PARROT!



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IT'S...!



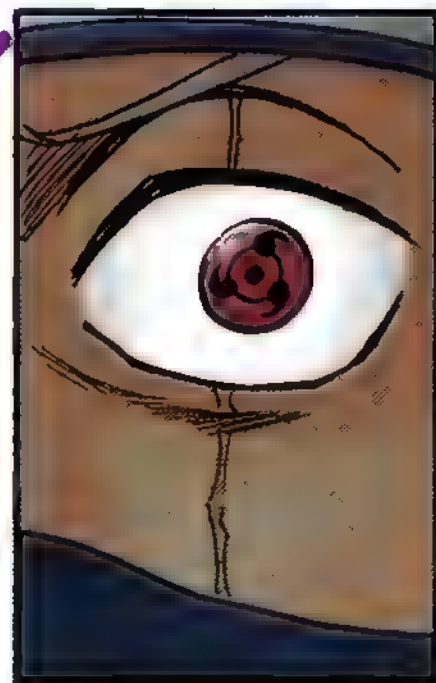
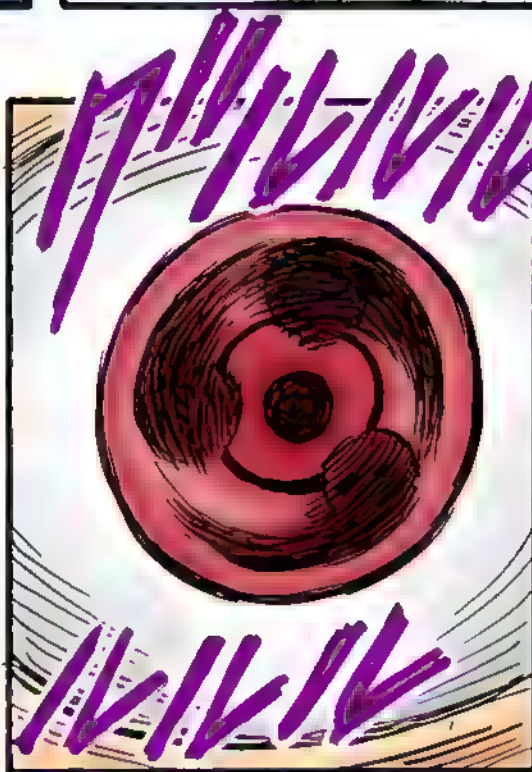
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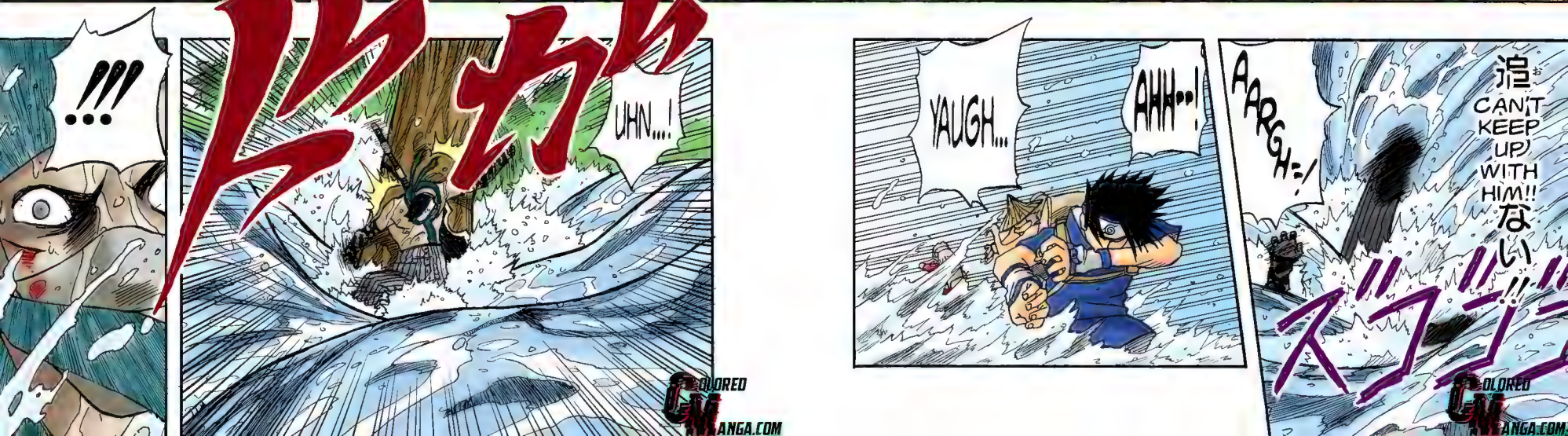
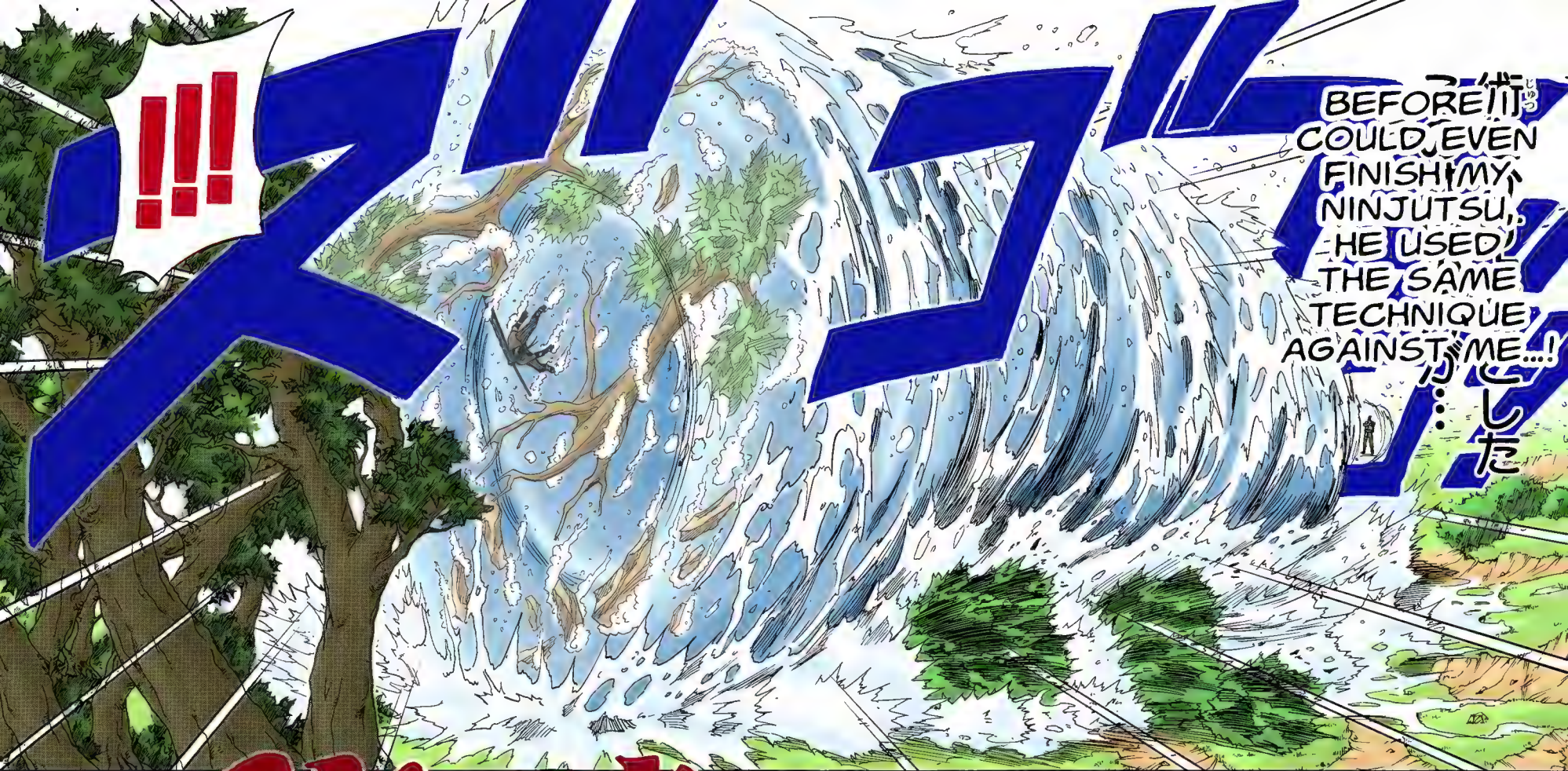


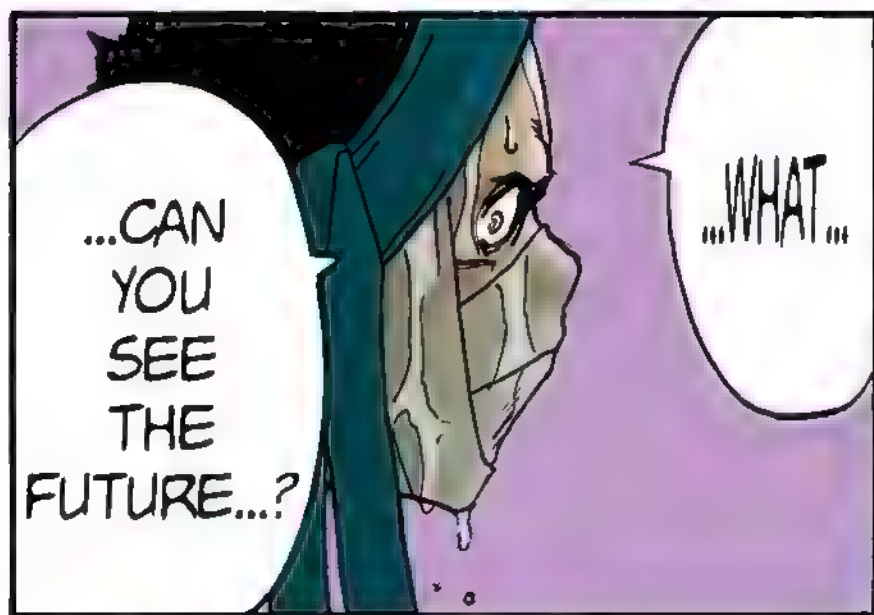
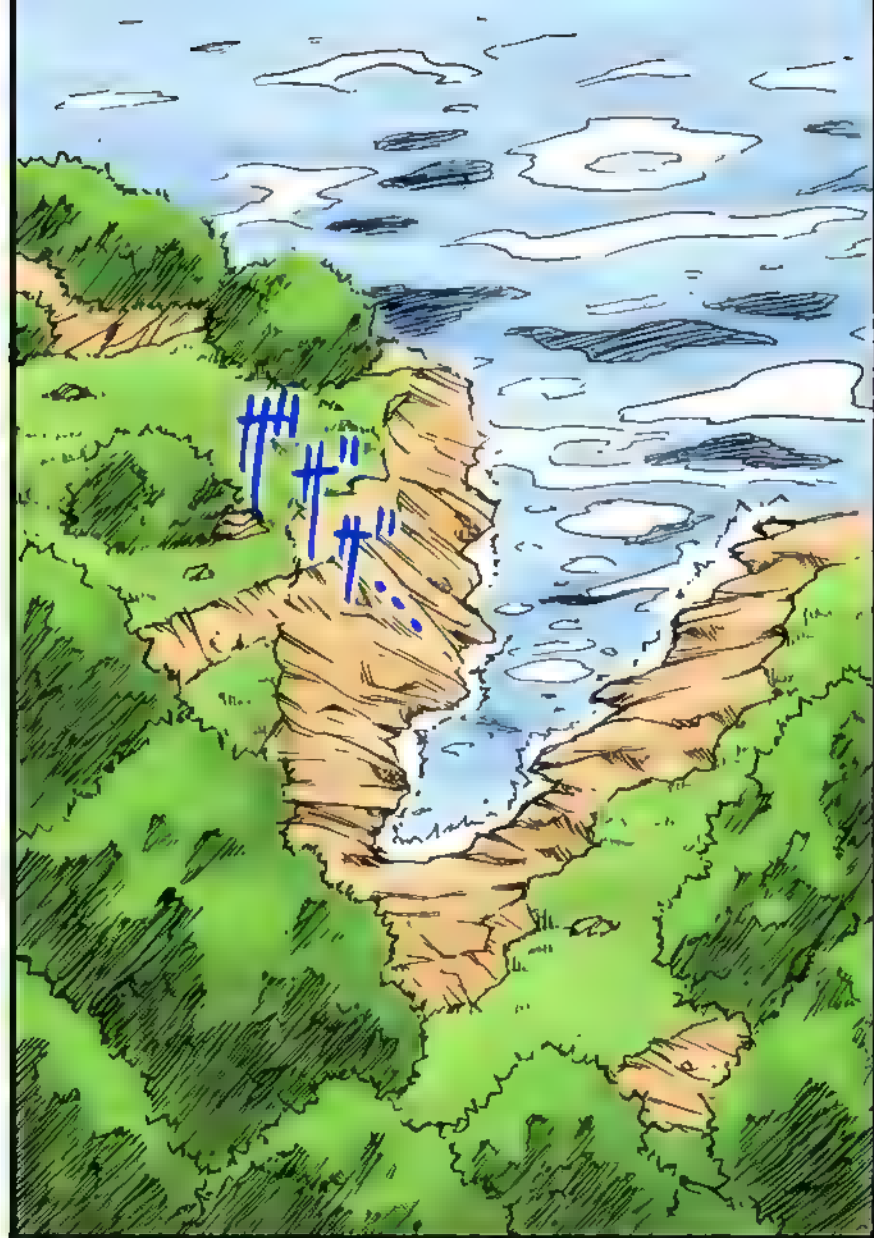
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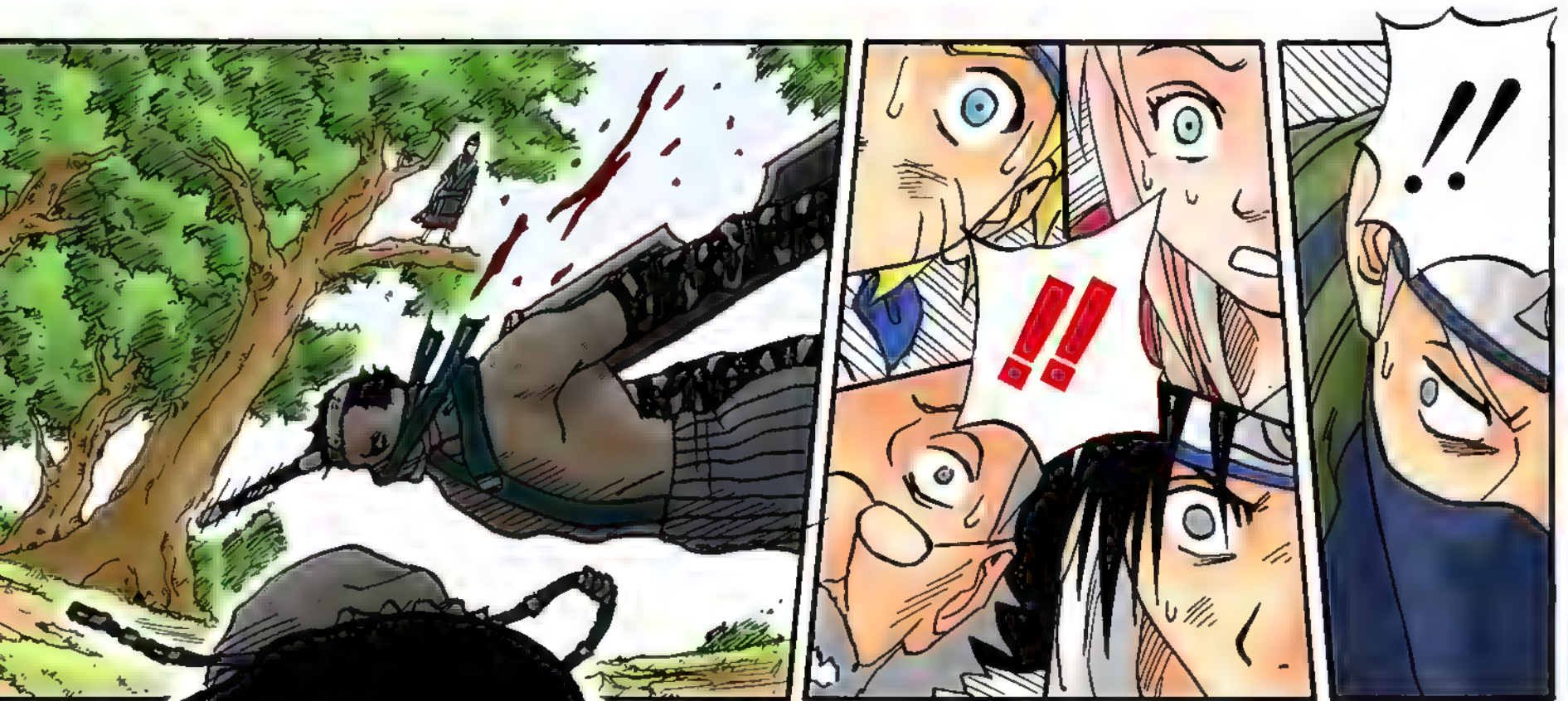
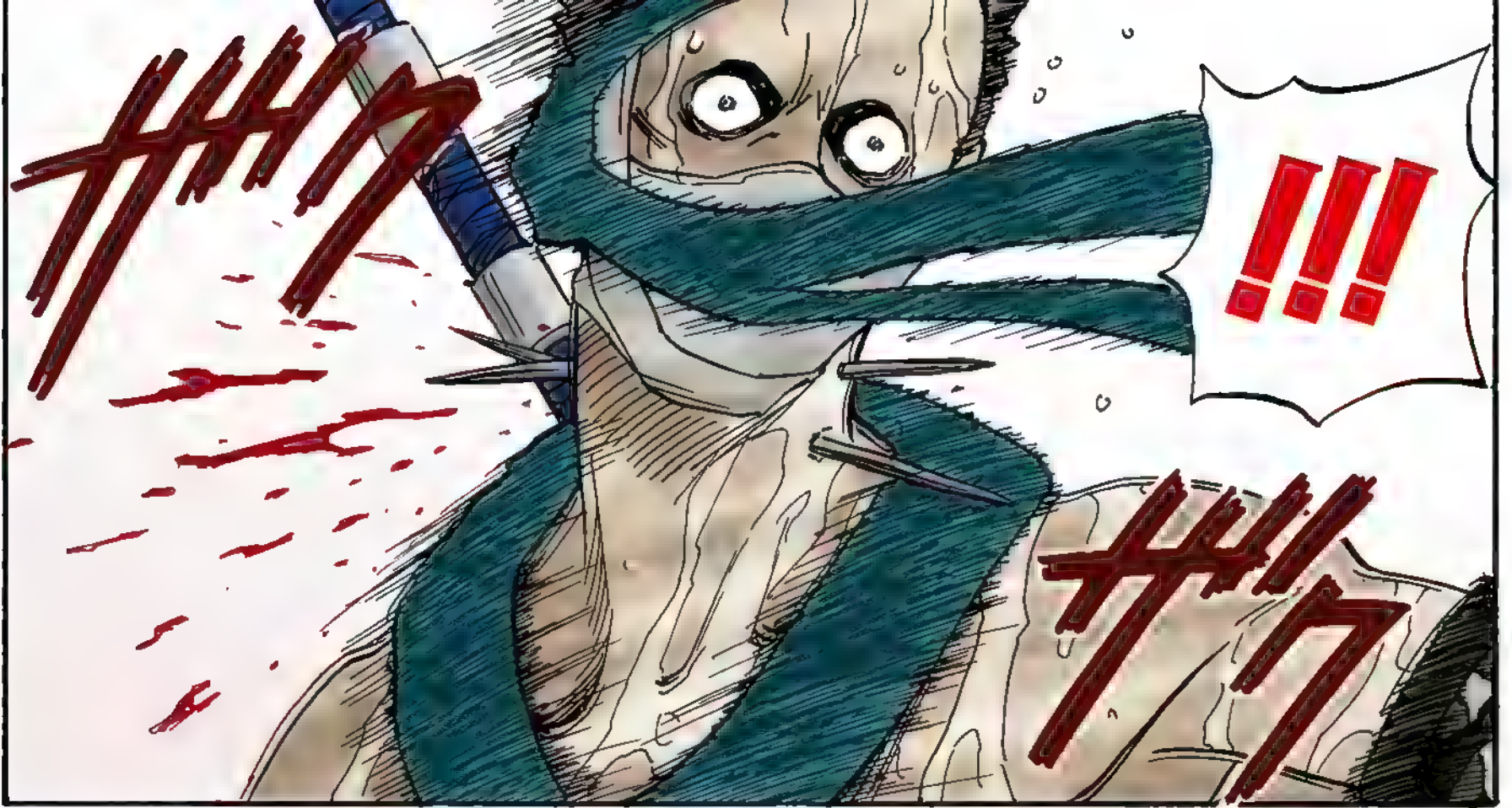


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THIS IS ABSURD!!
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MAKE-OUT PARADISE

I've gotten a number of letters asking me to tell more about **Make-Out Paradise**, the books Kakashi is always reading. Therefore, I've decided to write a little bit about it.



Make-Out Paradise (a three-volume series) is Kakashi's favorite reading material! The plot involves.....

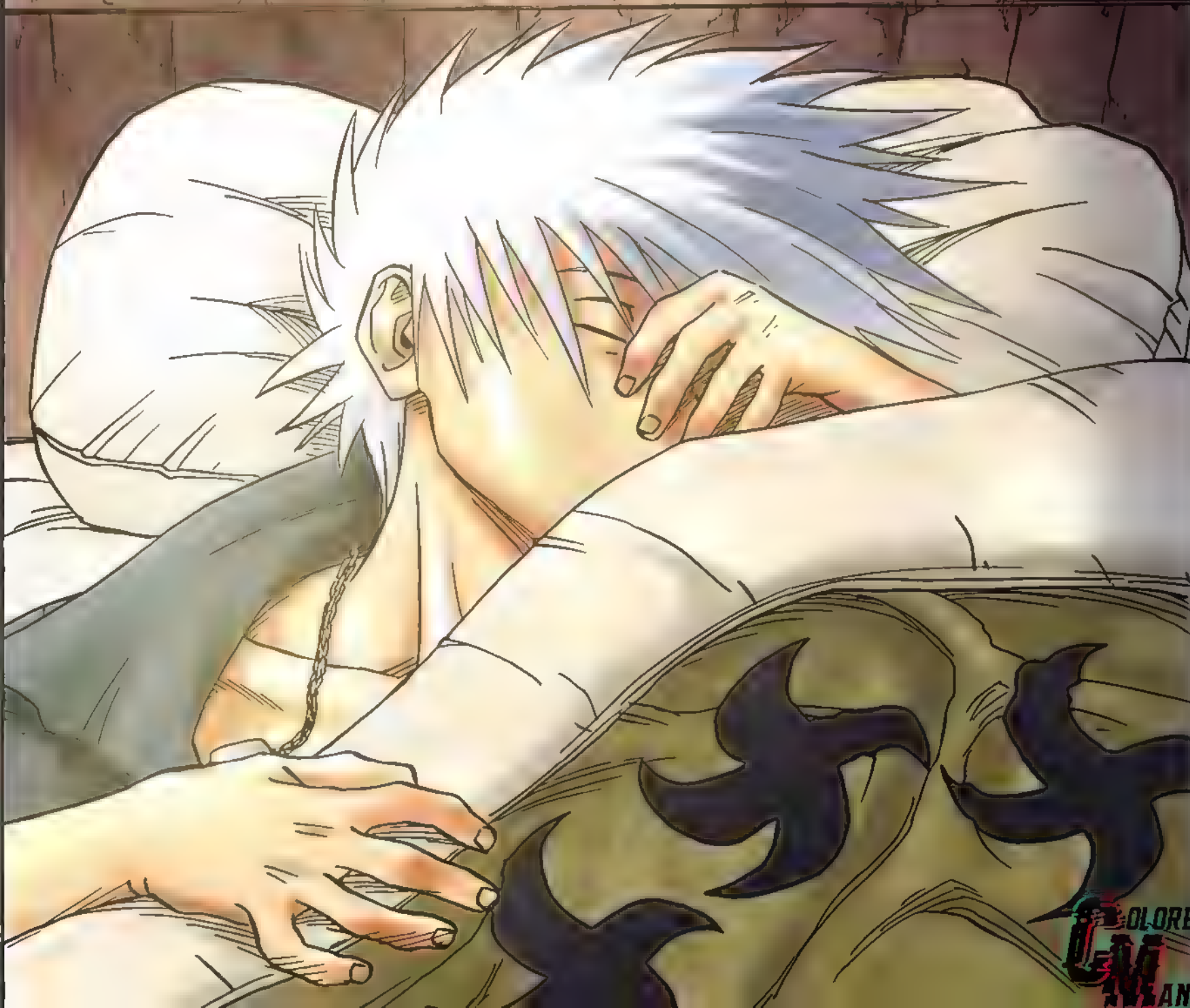
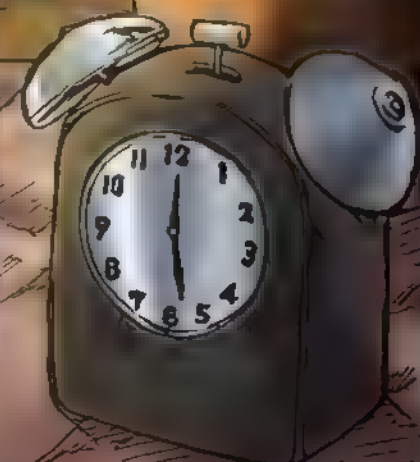
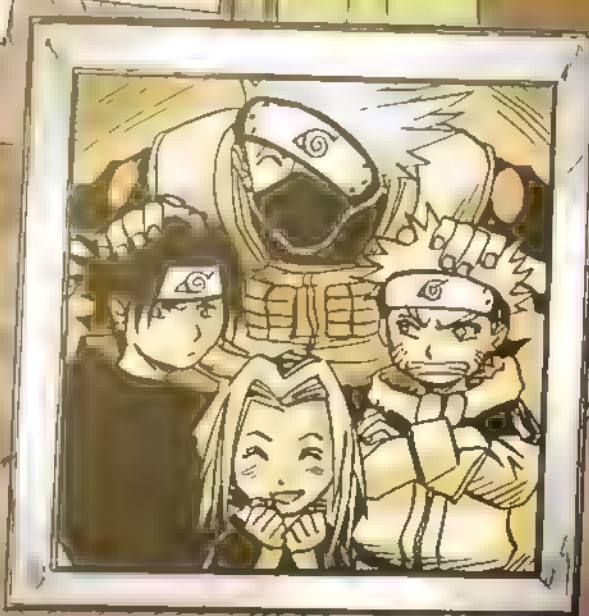
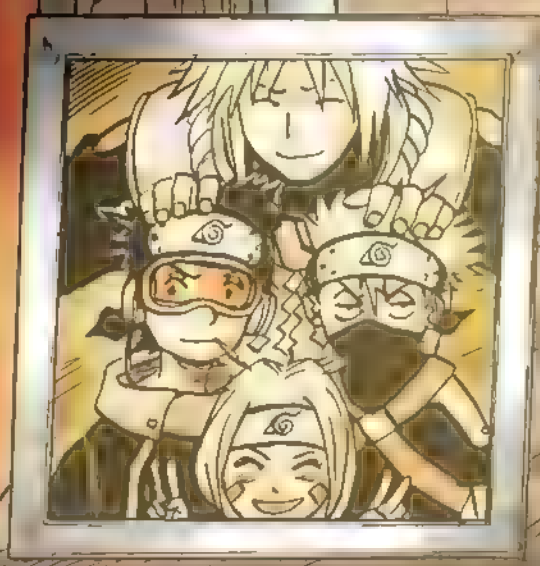
.....Umm...unfortunately, even though **Naruto** is “recommended for ages 13 and up,” it’s not *quite* “adult” enough to explain the story of **Make-Out Paradise**. Sorry! But I will say that if Kakashi gets his wish, **Make-Out Paradise** Vol. 1 may yet be published in English!

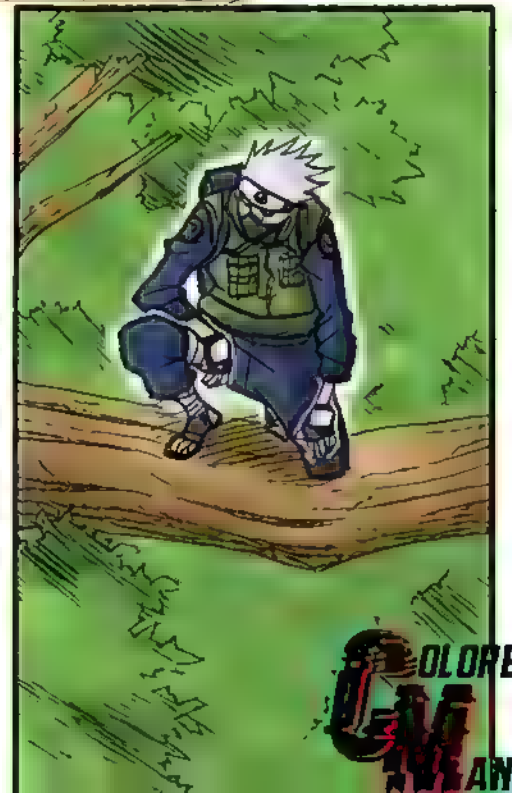
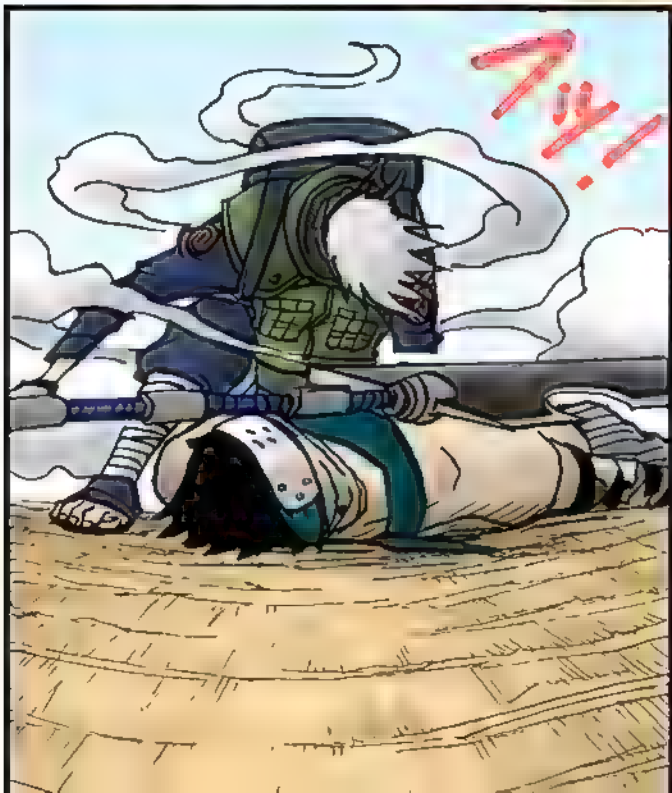
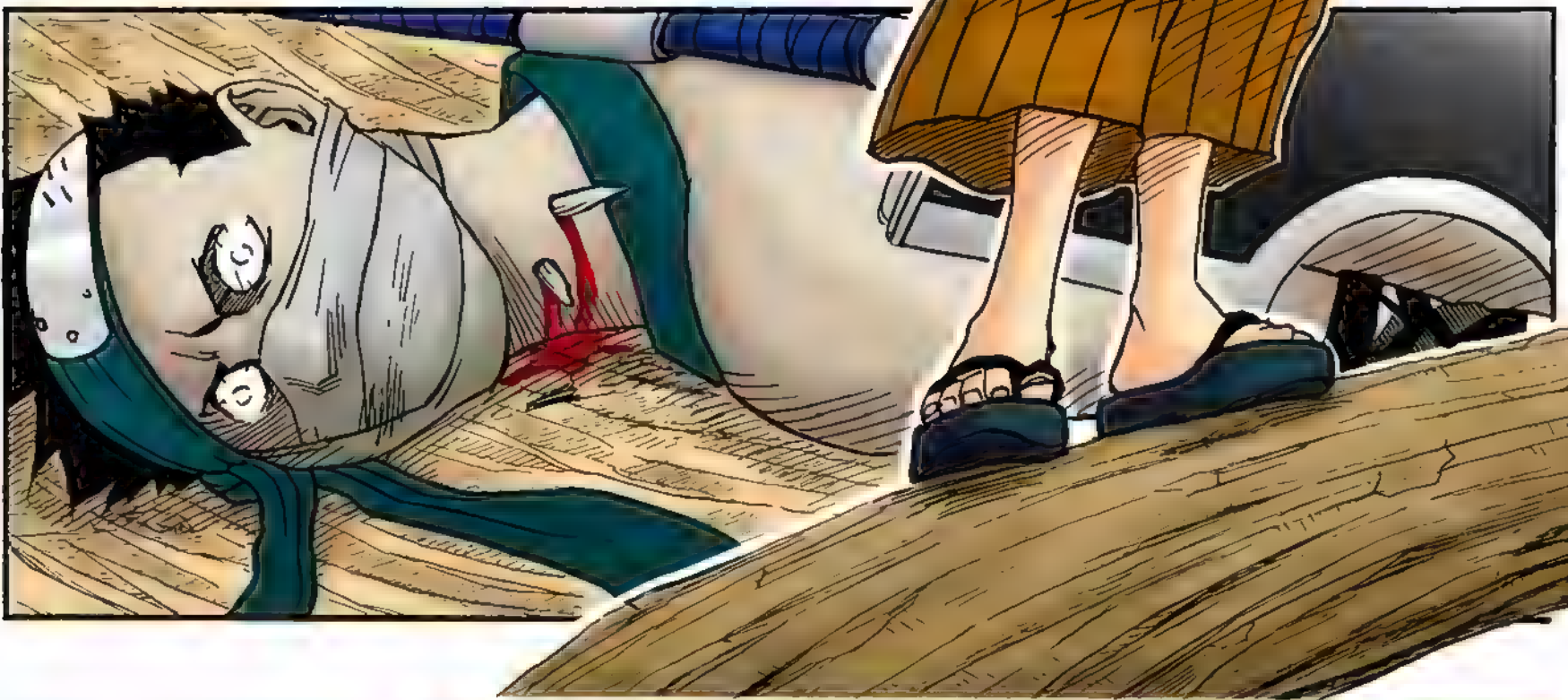
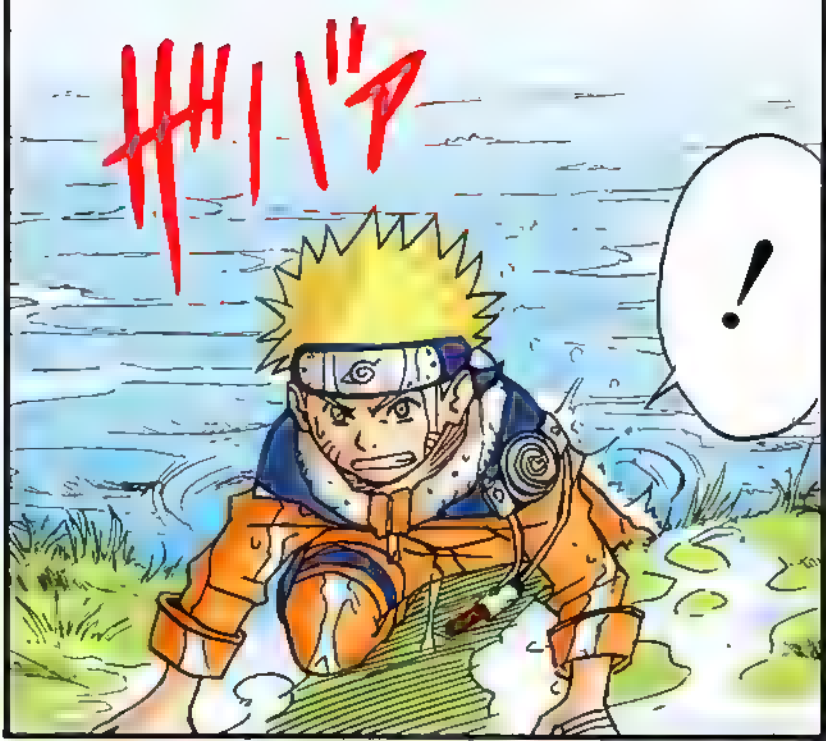
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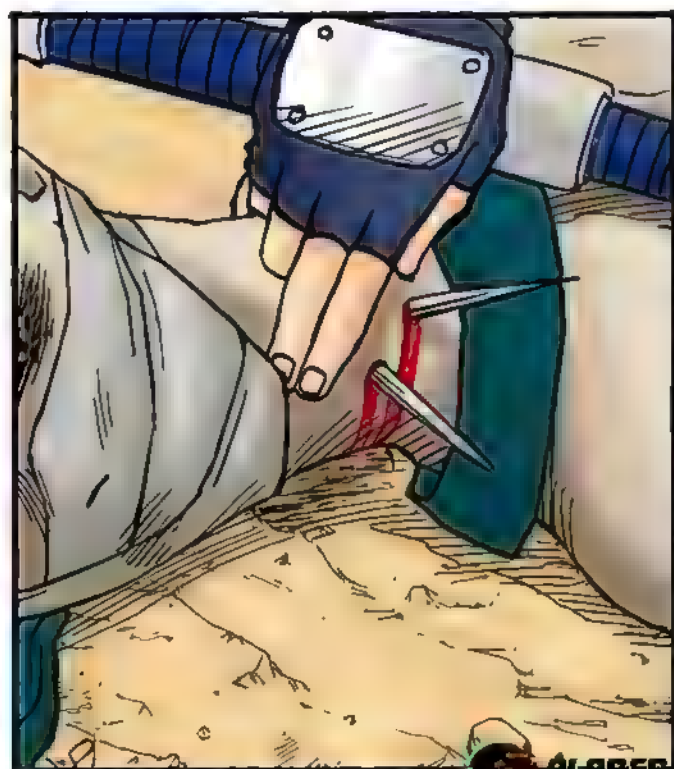
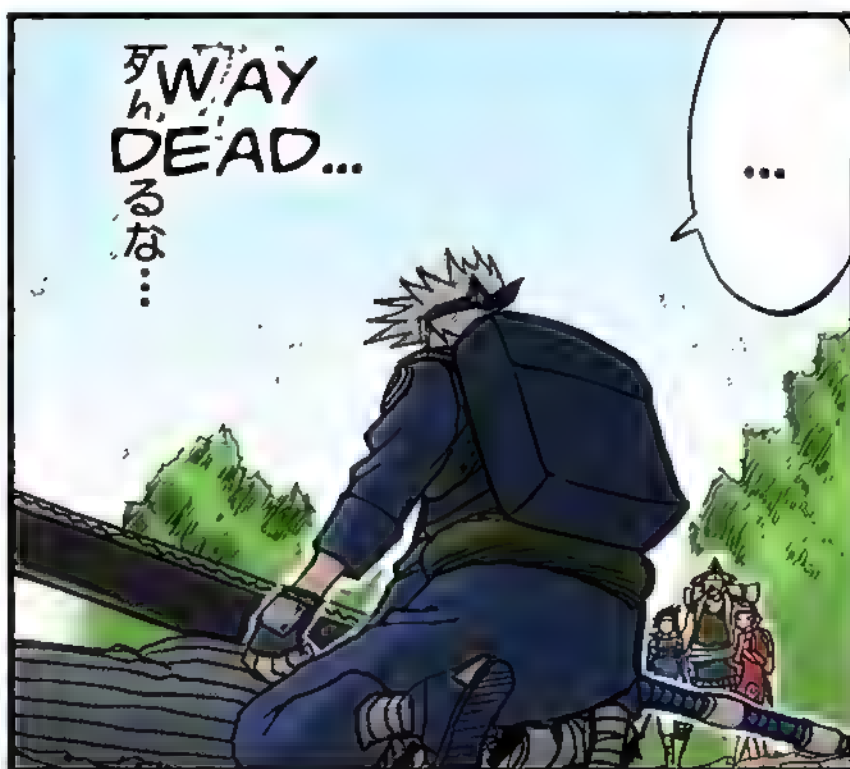
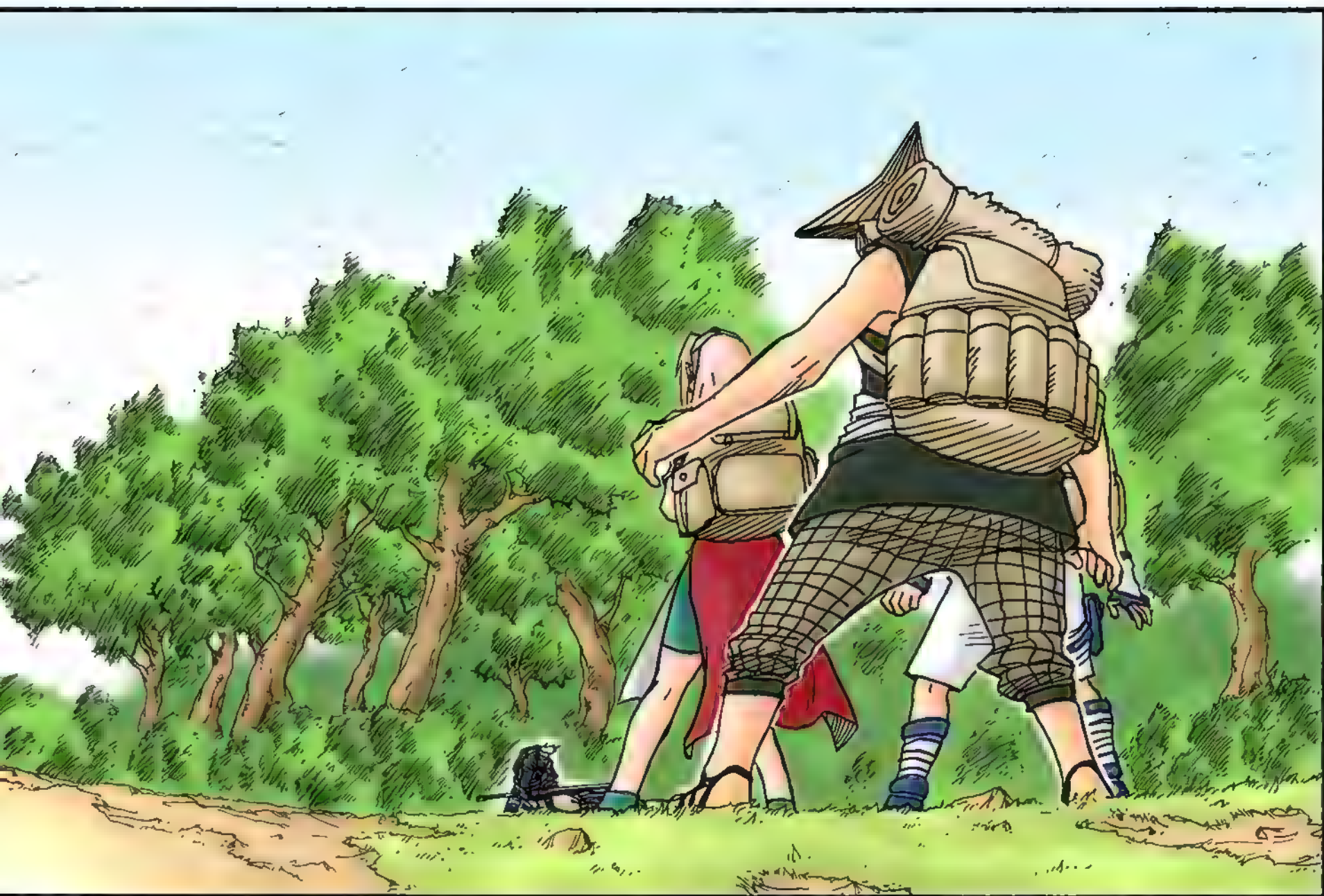
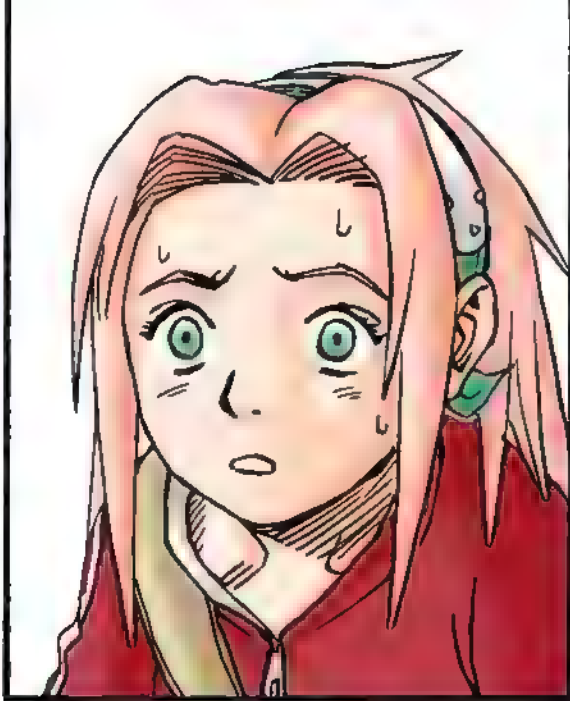
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16 : お前は誰だ!! WHO ARE YOU?!









...BUT
AREN'T YOU
A SHINOBI
HUNTER
FROM THE
VILLAGE
HIDDEN
IN THE MIST?

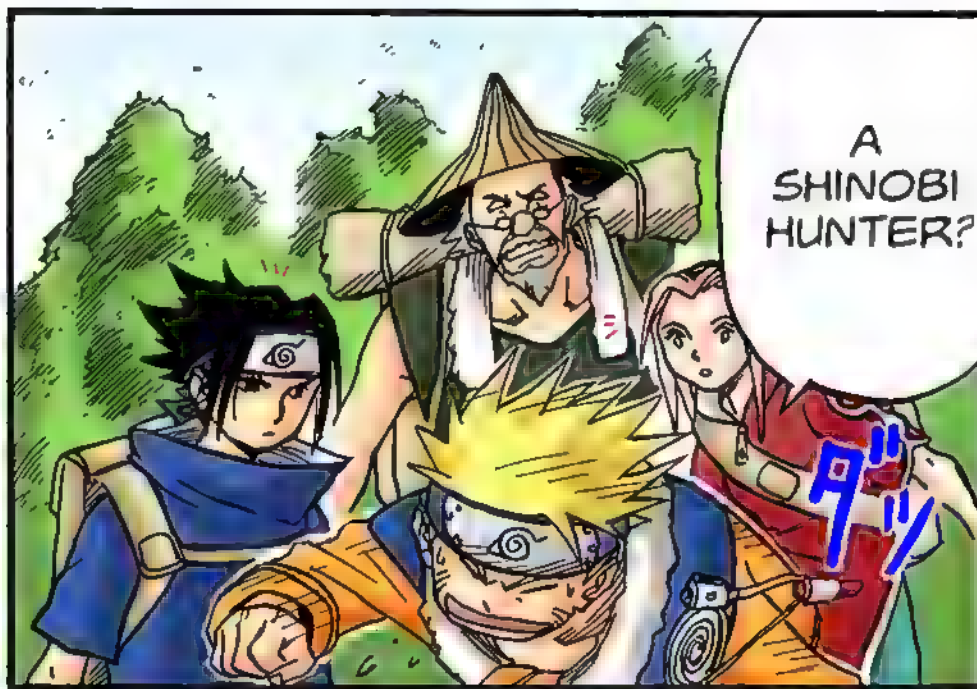
THE
MASK IS
FAMILIAR...
CORRECT
ME IF I'M
WRONG...



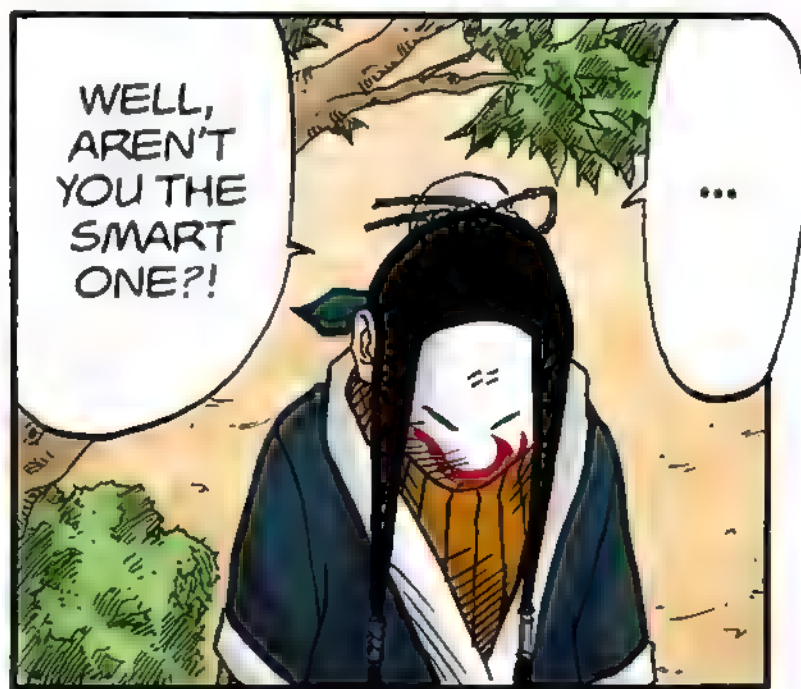
...I HOPE
YOU
DON'T
MIND MY
INTERFERING,

BUT I
WANTED
THE
SATISFACTION...
...OF PUTTING
ZABUZA
OUT OF HIS
MISERY
MYSELF!

THANK
YOU
FOR
YOUR
HELP.

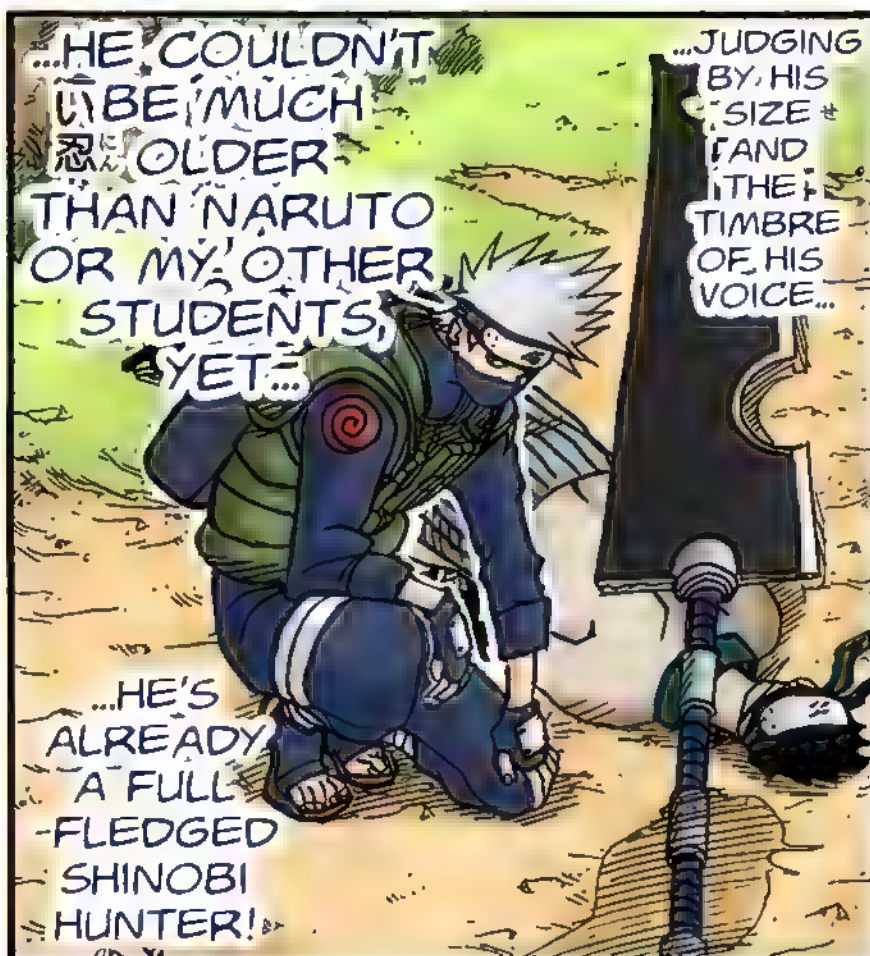


A
SHINOBI
HUNTER?



WELL,
AREN'T
YOU THE
SMART
ONE?!

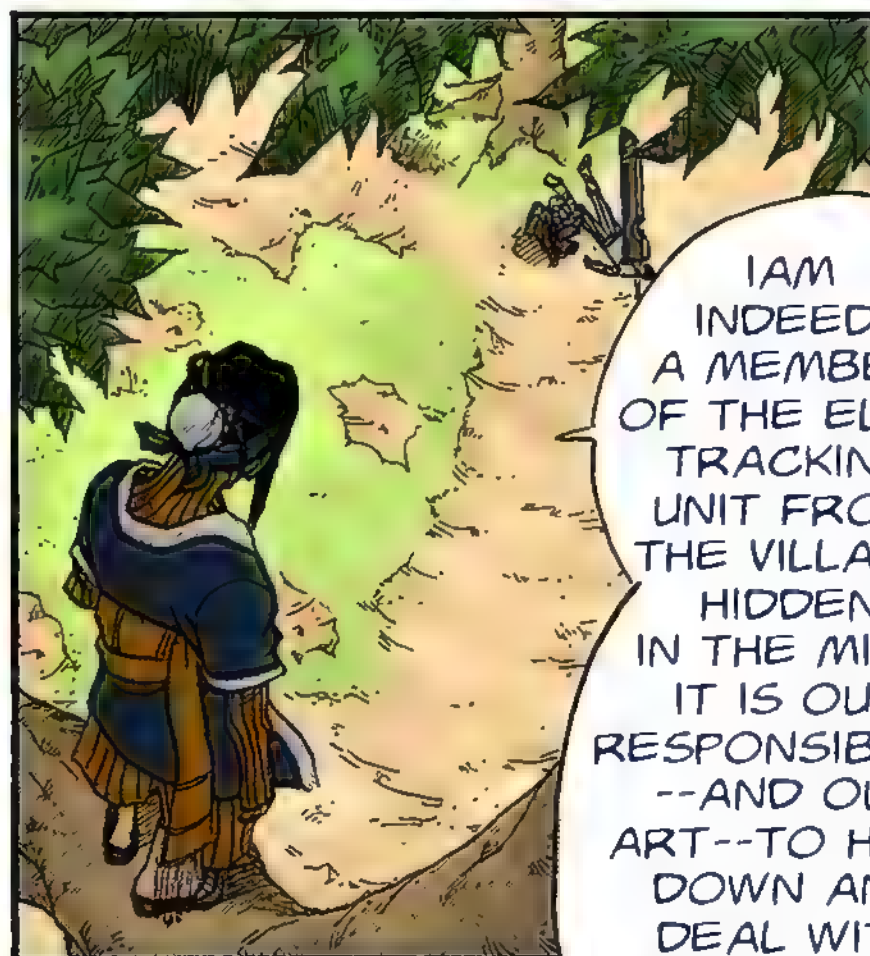
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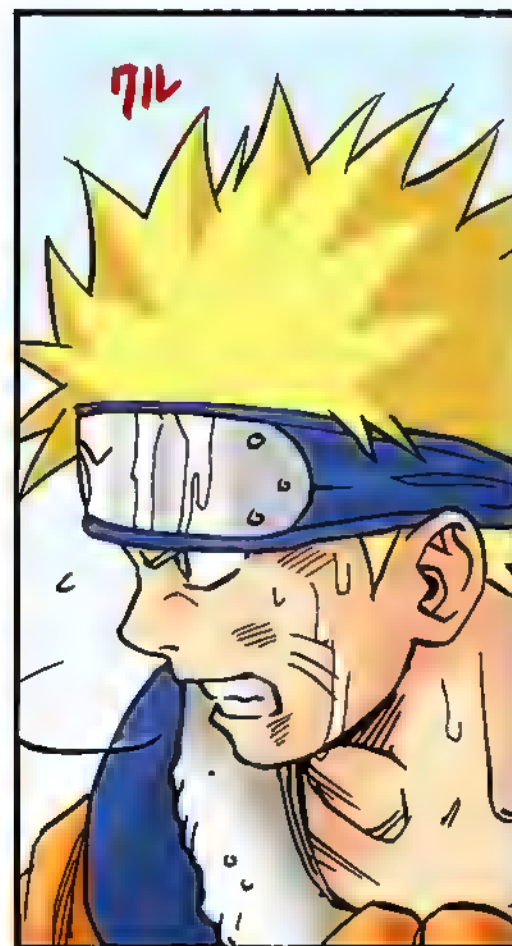
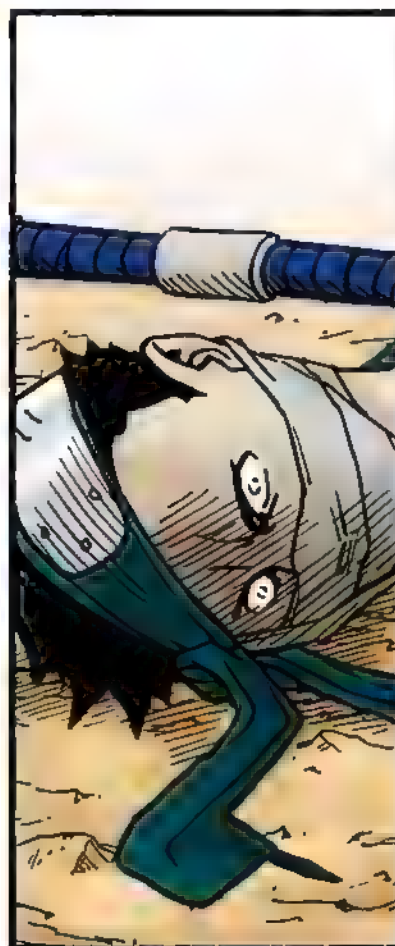
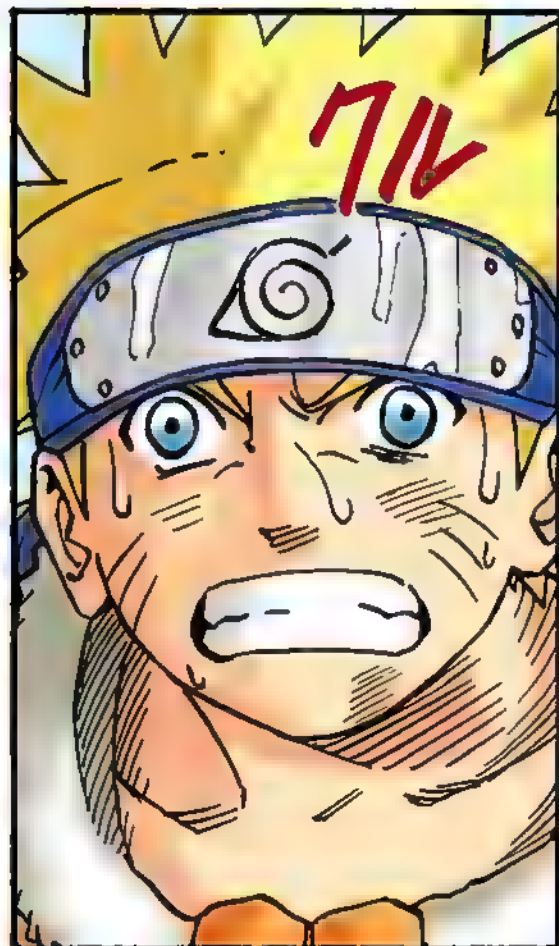
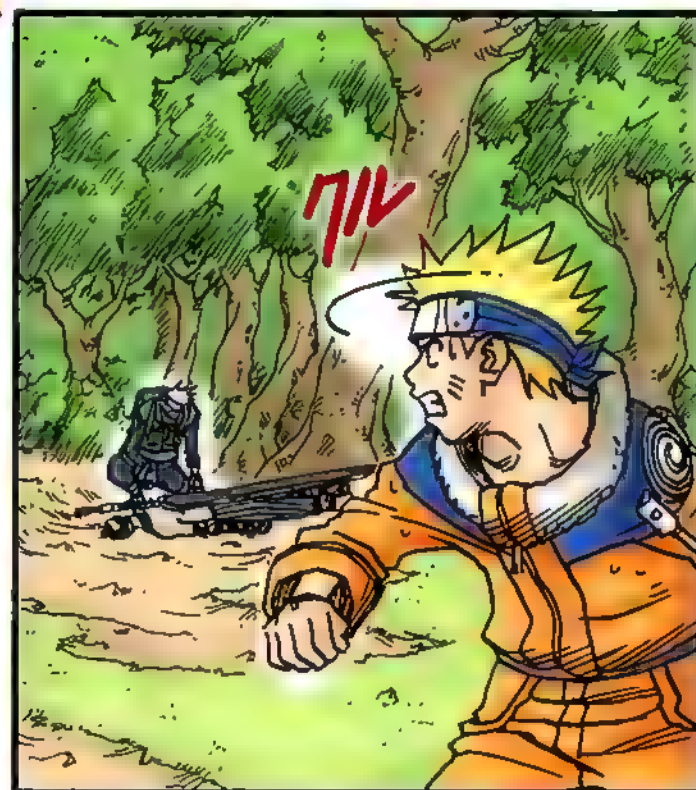
...HE COULDN'T
BE MUCH
OLDER
THAN NARUTO
OR MY OTHER
STUDENTS,
YET...

...JUDGING
BY HIS
SIZE &
AND THE
TIMBRE
OF HIS
VOICE...

...HE'S
ALREADY
A FULL-
FLEDGED
SHINOBI
HUNTER!



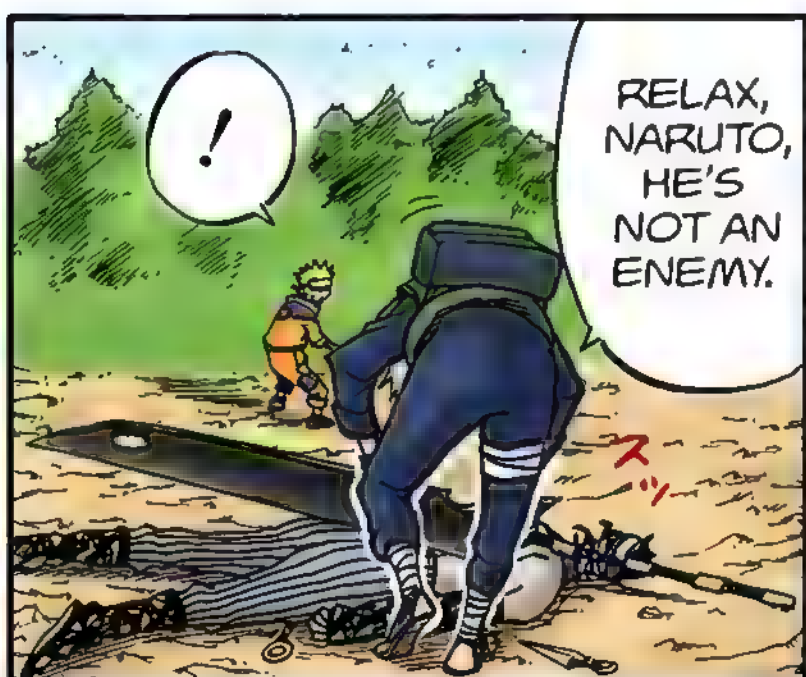
I AM
INDEED,
A MEMBER
OF THE ELITE
TRACKING
UNIT FROM
THE VILLAGE
HIDDEN
IN THE MIST.
IT IS OUR
RESPONSIBILITY
--AND OUR
ART--TO HUNT
DOWN AND
DEAL WITH
THE ROGUES
AND THE
OUTLAWS...



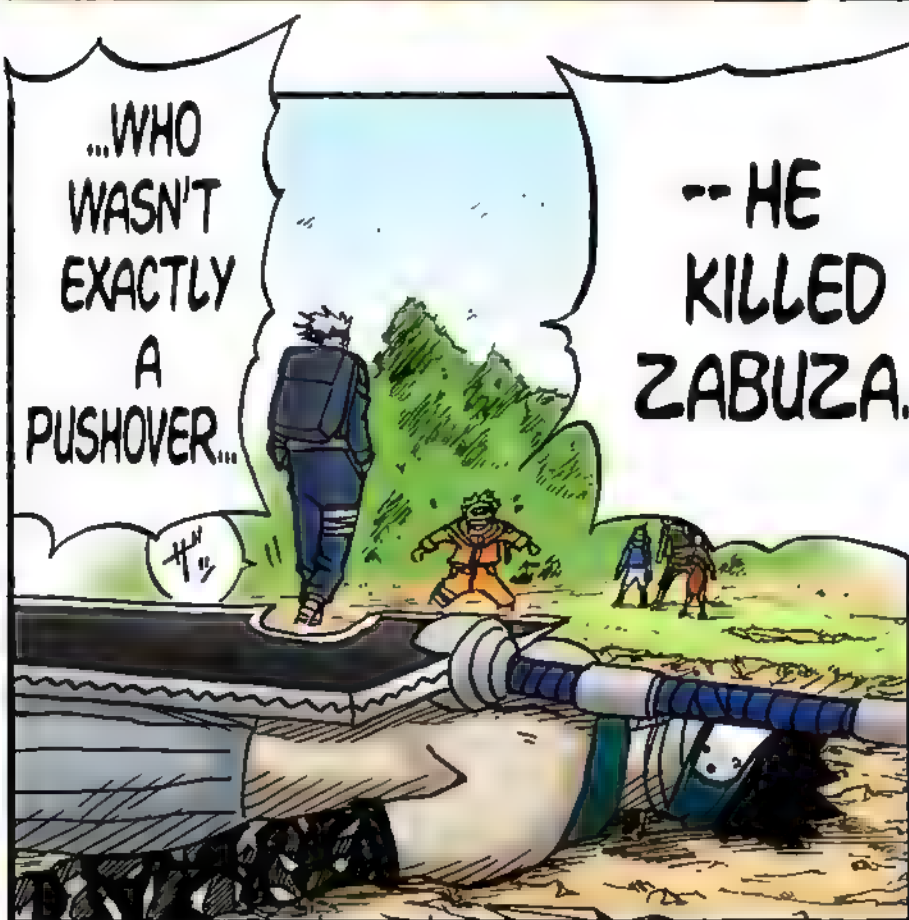
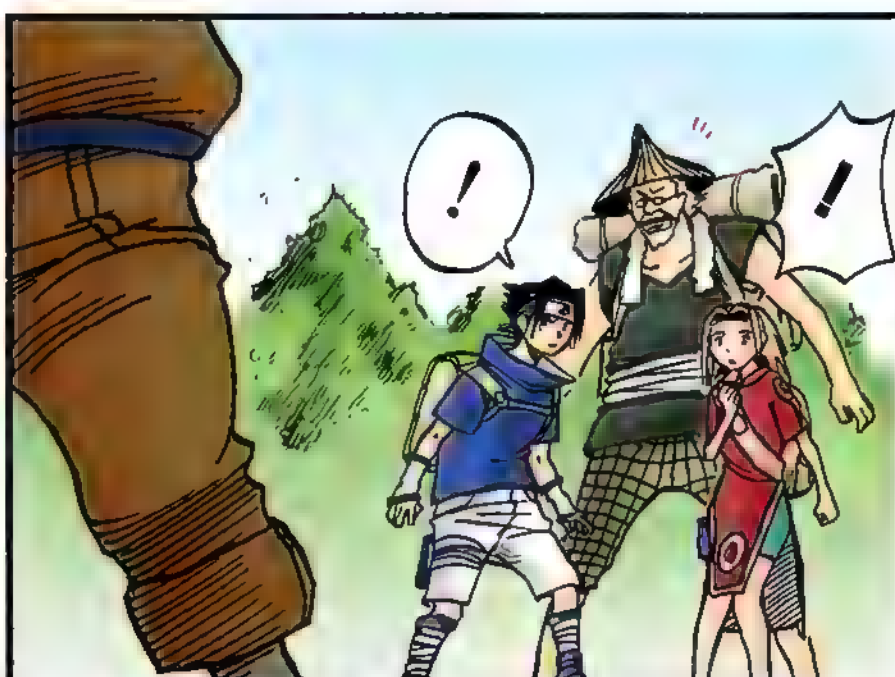


WHO
ARE
YOU?!!

WHAT'S
GOING
ON
HERE?!!



RELAX,
NARUTO,
HE'S
NOT AN
ENEMY.



...WHO
WASN'T
EXACTLY
A
PUSHOVER...

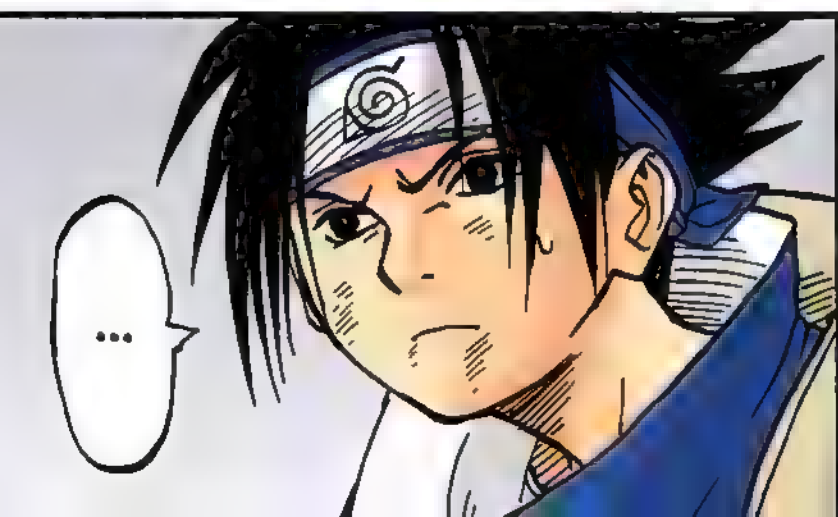
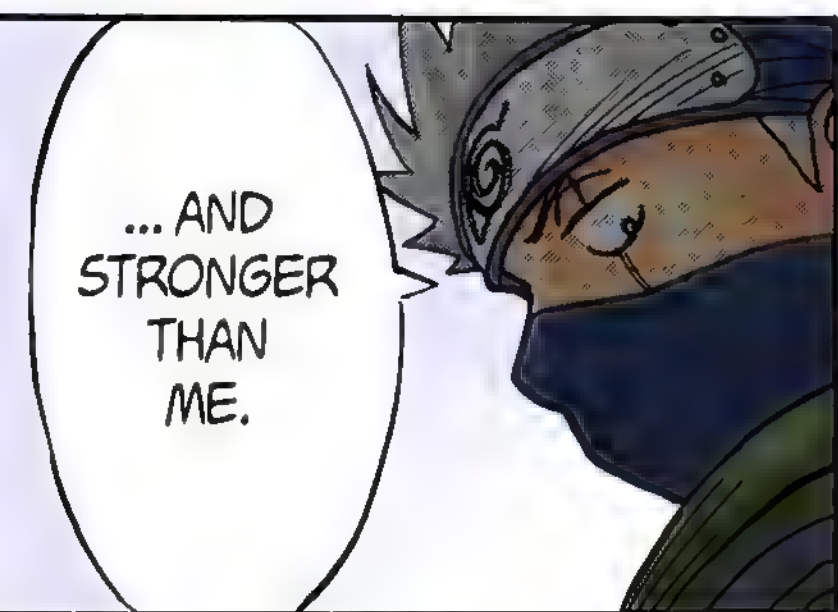
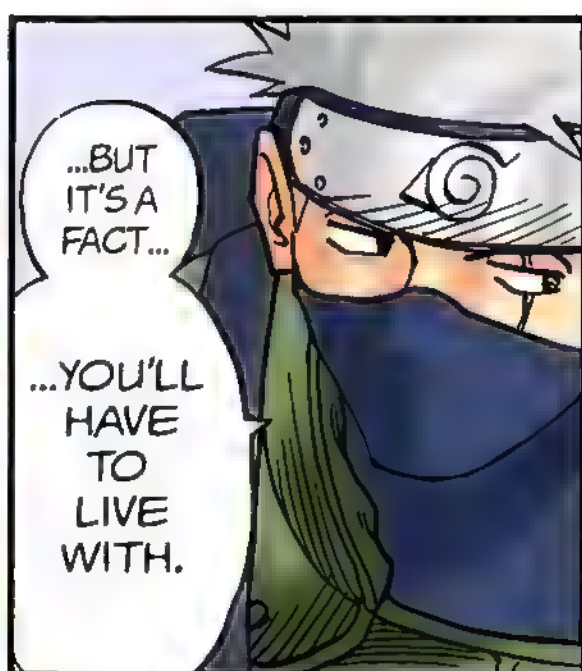
-- HE
KILLED
ZABUZA...

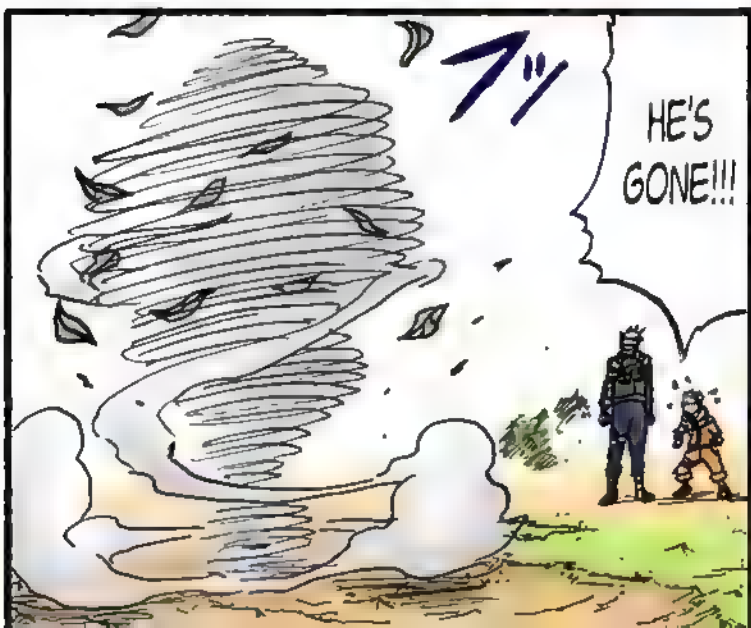
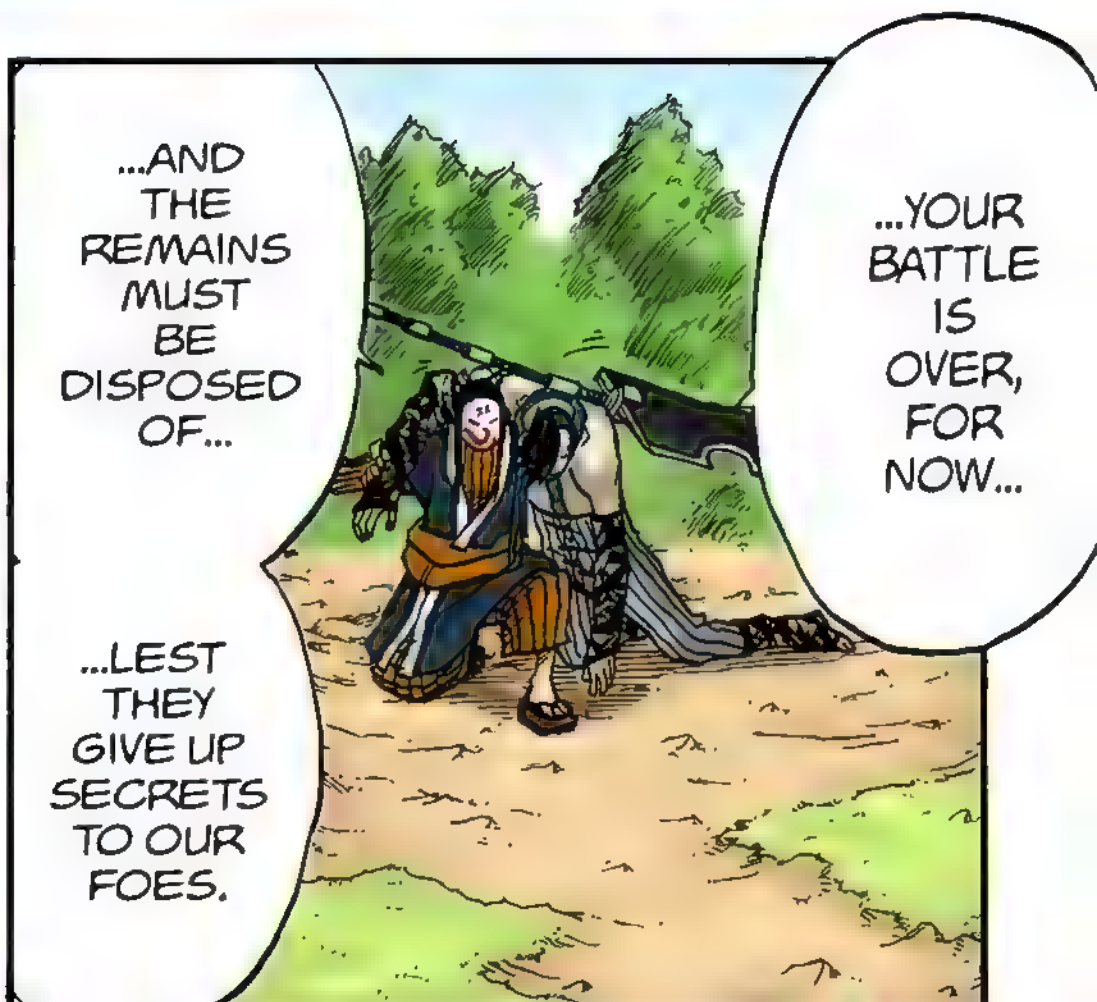
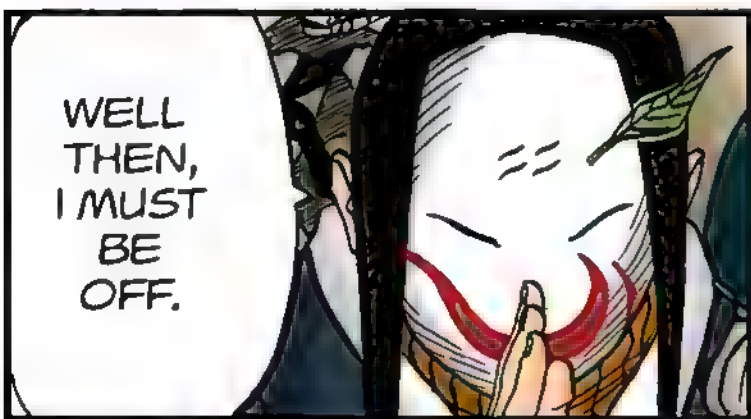
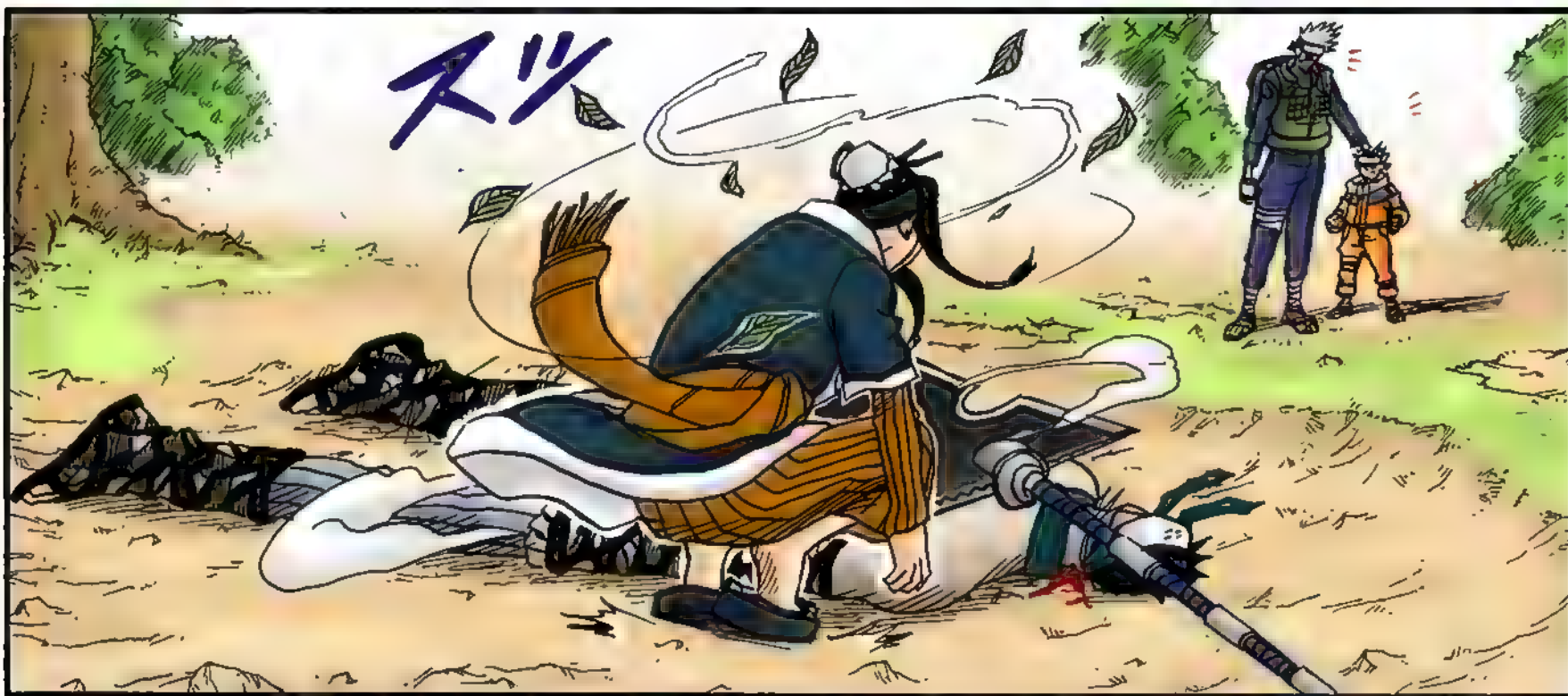
THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
I ASKED--!
I MEAN...
WHAT I
MEAN IS --

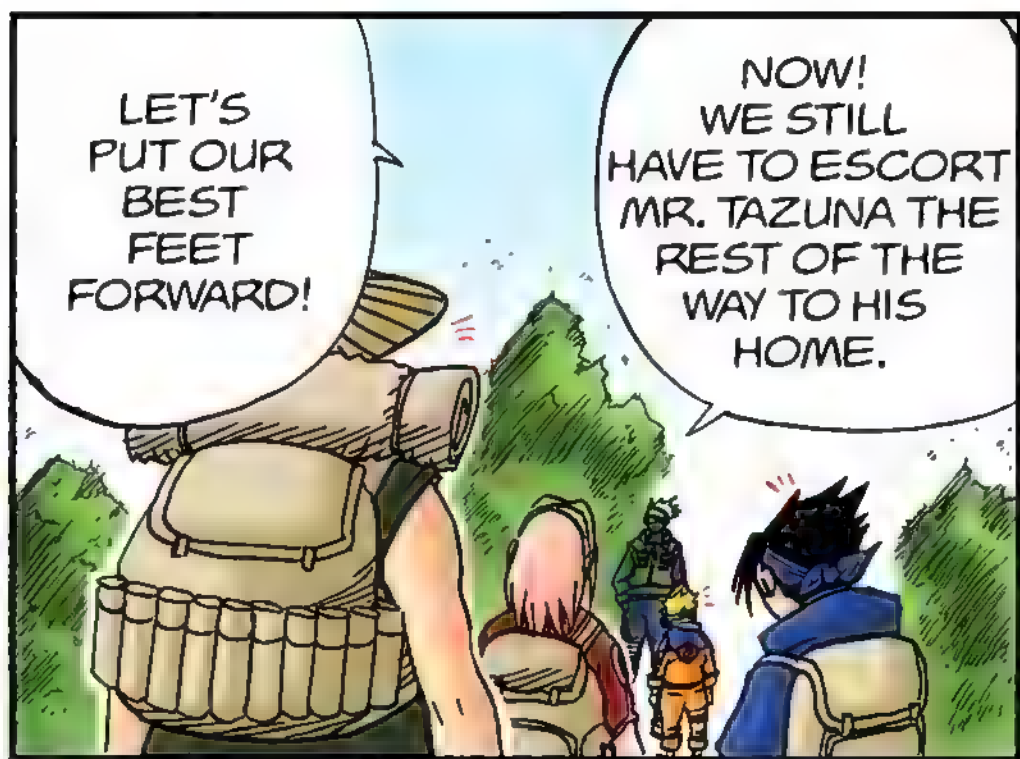
LIKE IT WAS
NOTHING!
WHAT, DO
WE SUCK OR
SOMETHING?

WHAT'S
UP
WITH
THAT?!

...BUT
STILL
GOT
TAKEN
OUT
BY A
GUY
WHO'S
ONLY
ABOUT
MY AGE!







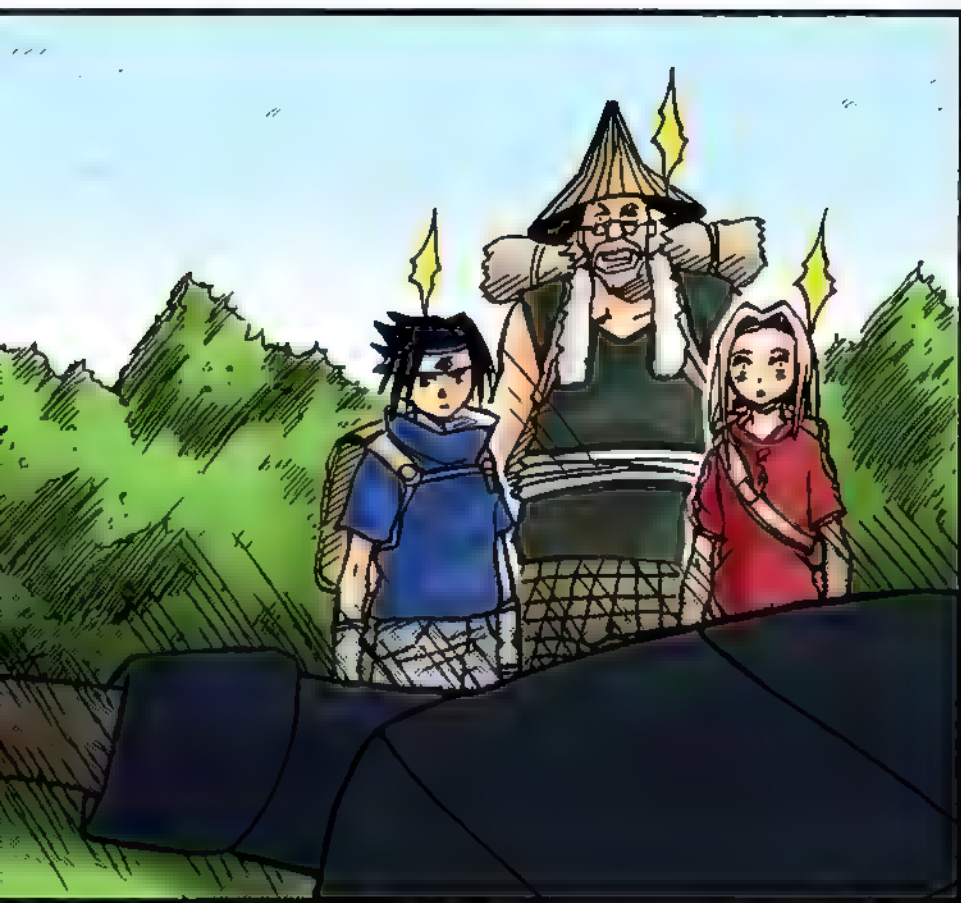
LET'S
PUT OUR
BEST
FEET
FORWARD!

NOW!
WE STILL
HAVE TO ESCORT
MR. TAZUNA THE
REST OF THE
WAY TO HIS
HOME.



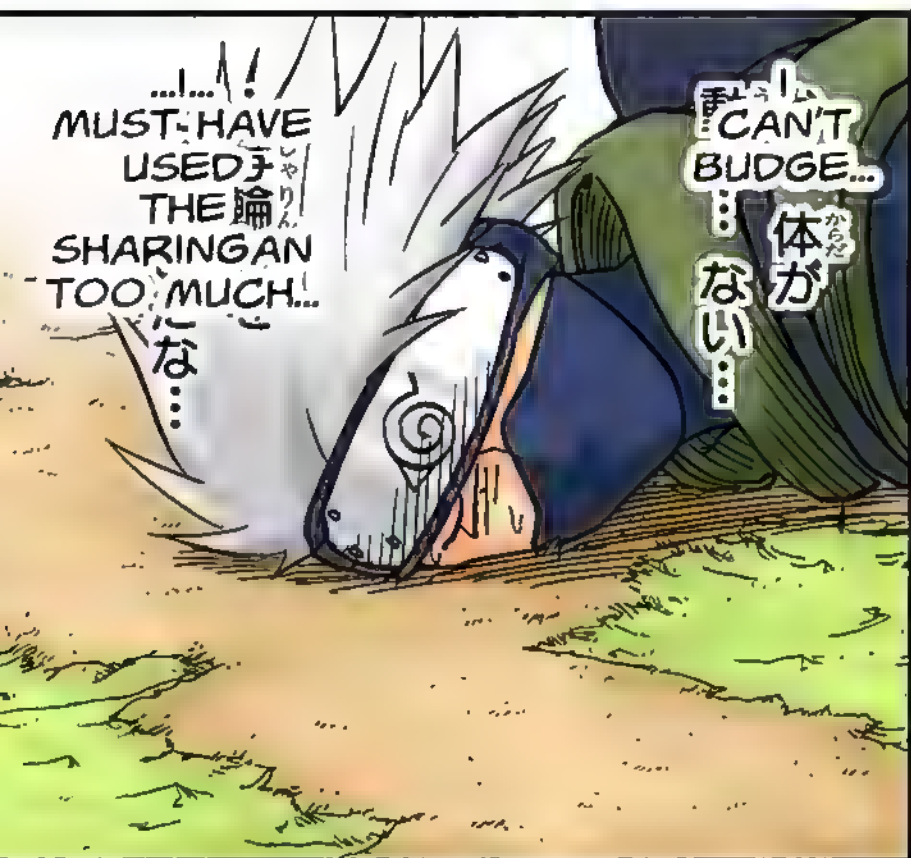
SHF

SIGH



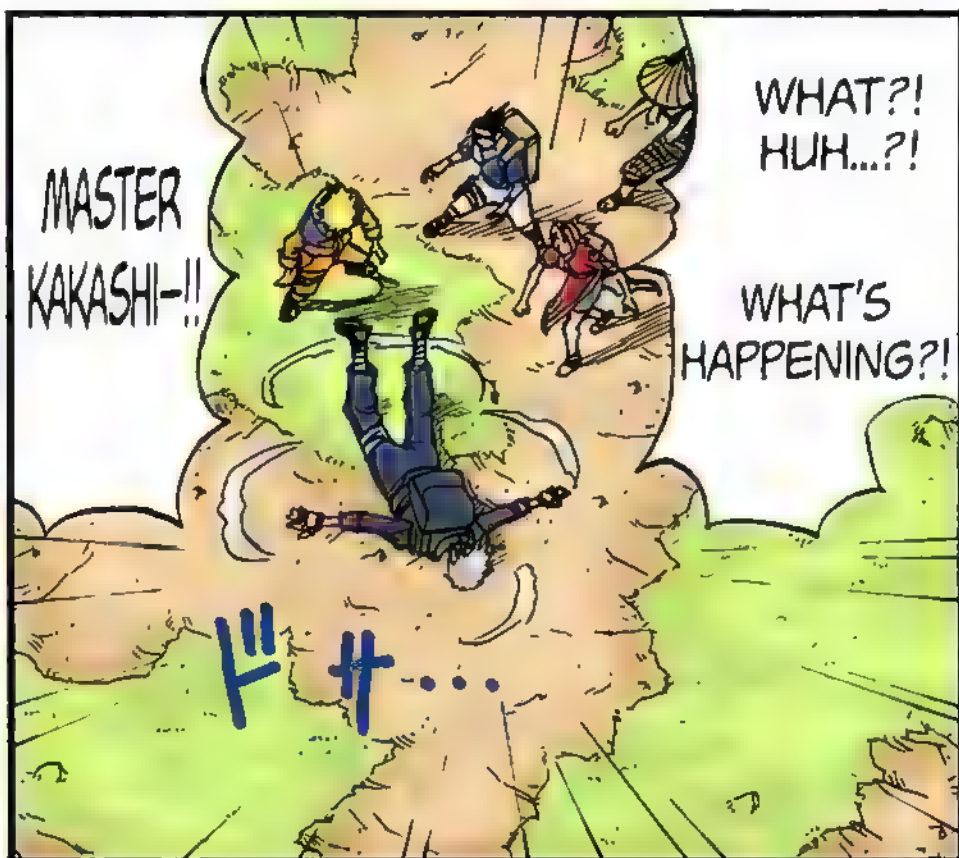
BUT NEVER MIND.
YOU CAN LICK
YOUR WOUNDS
AT MY HOUSE.

HA
HA HAH!!
YOU POOR
KIDS.
YOU MUST
BE SO
HUMILIATED!!



...!!
MUST HAVE
USED THE
SHARINGAN
TOO MUCH!!

手 CAN'T
BUDGE...
からだ
ない

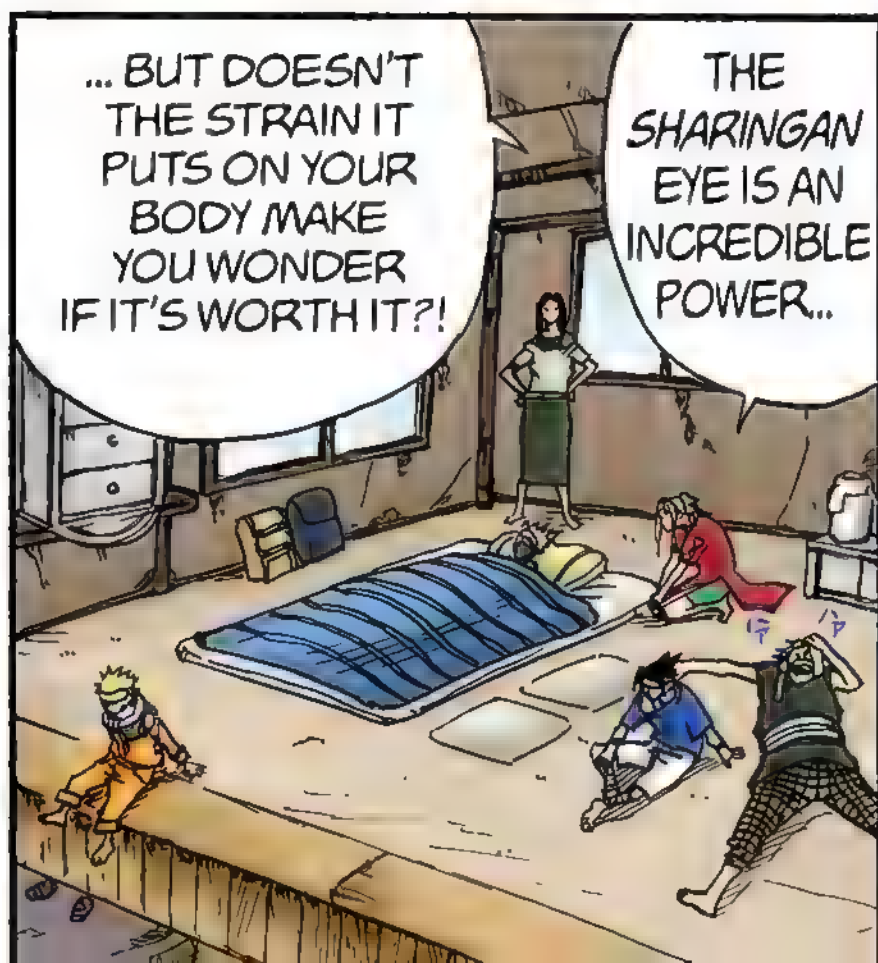
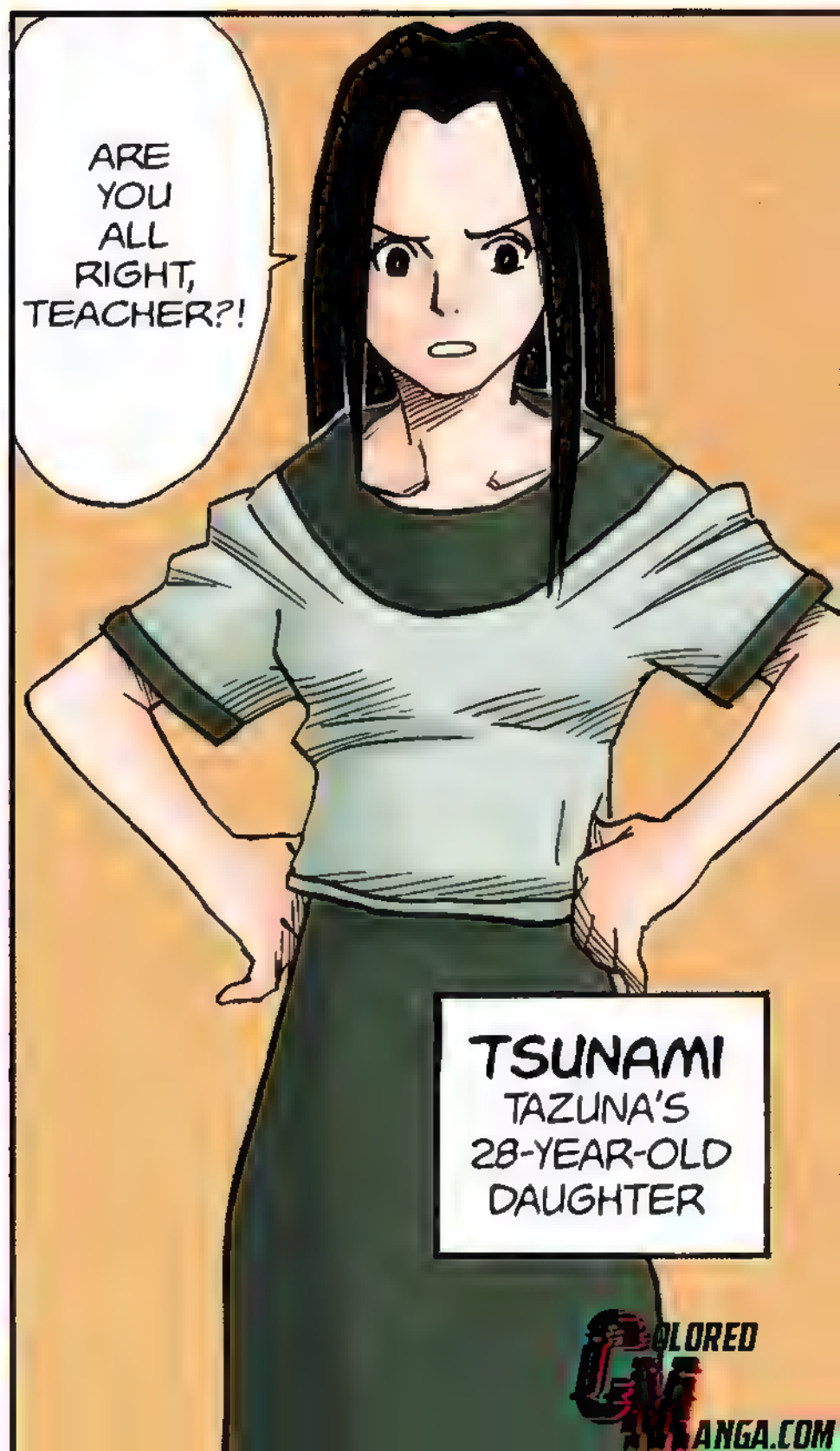
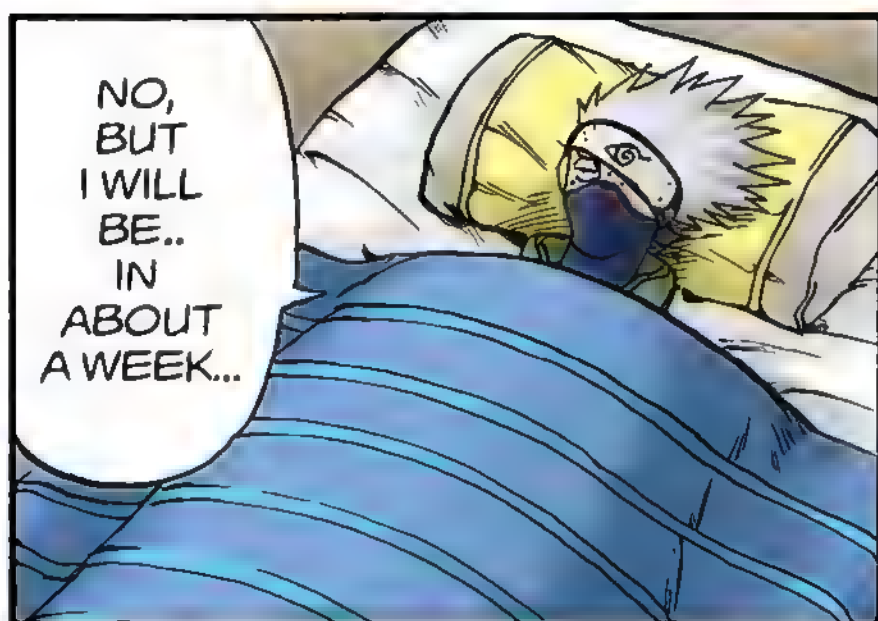
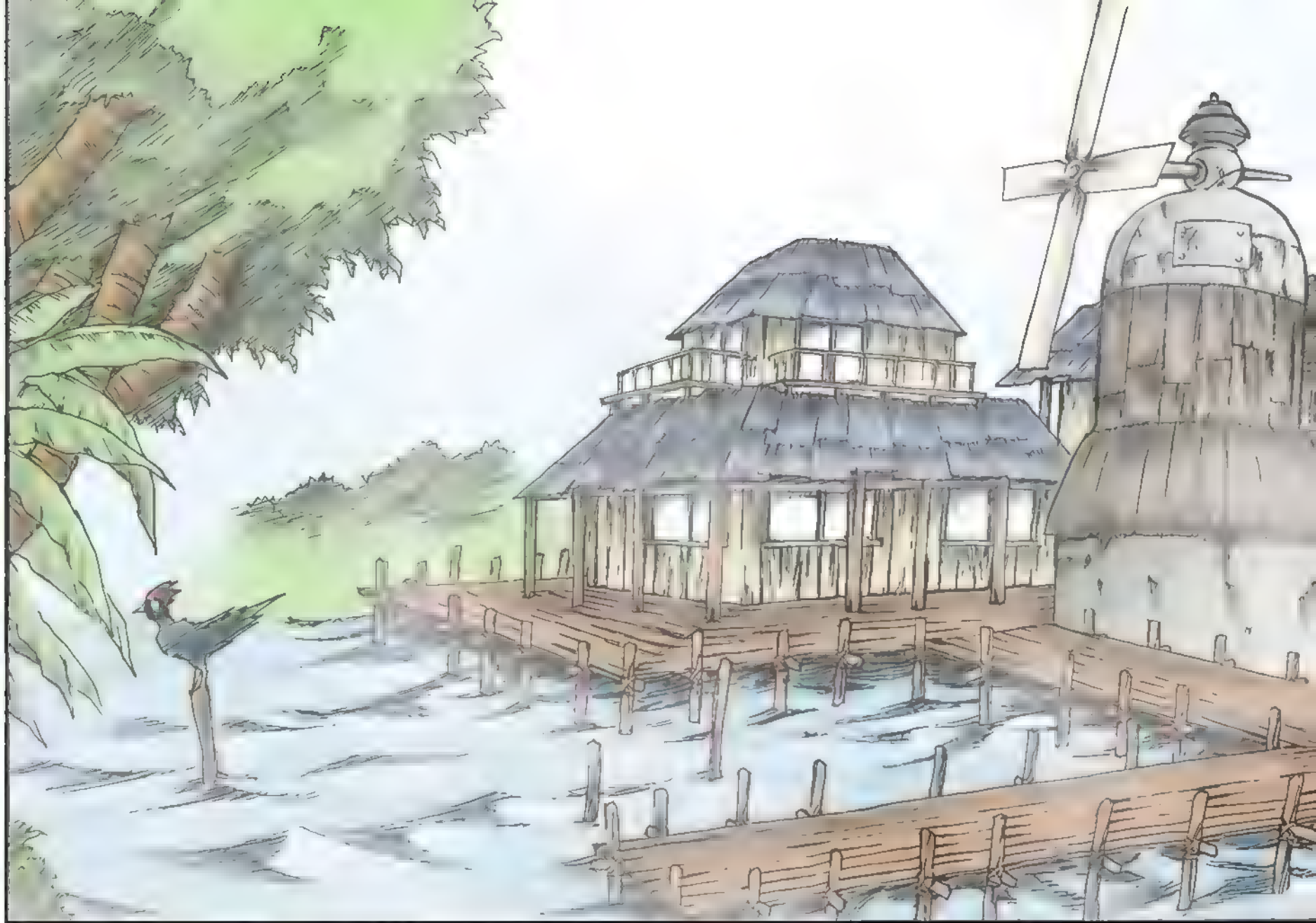


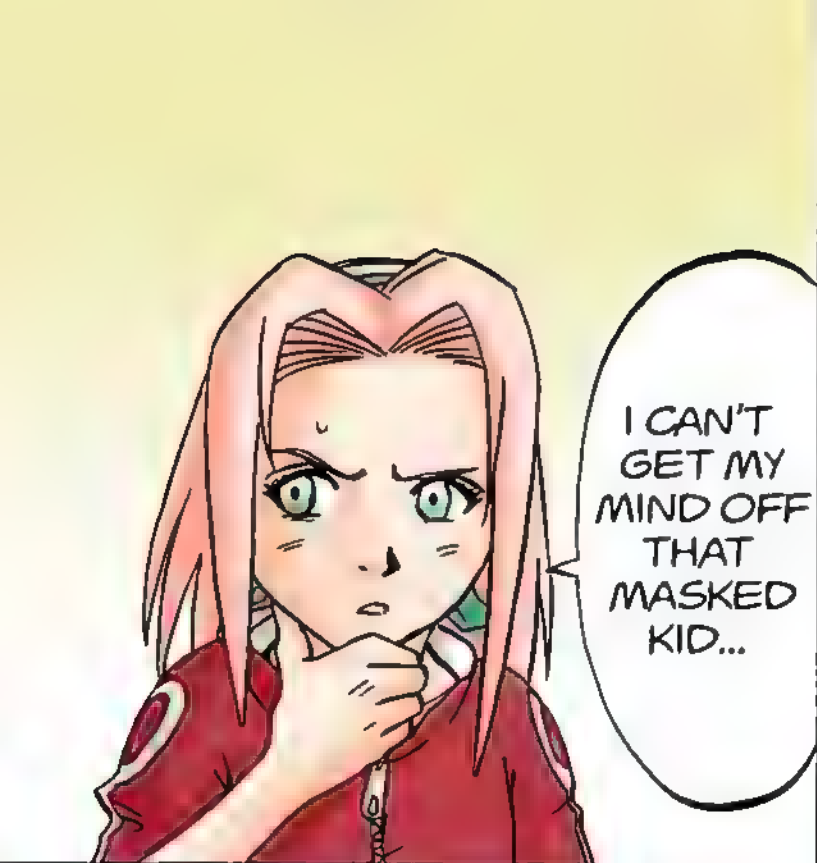
MASTER
KAKASHI-!!

WHAT?!
HUH...?!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!

ド #...



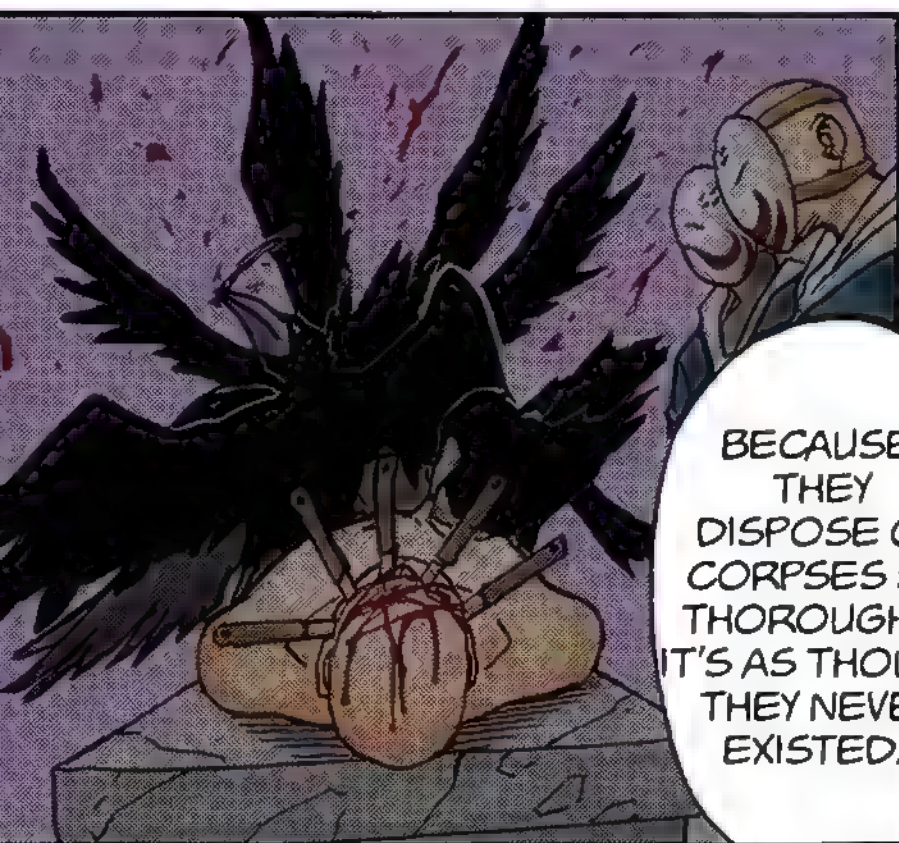


I CAN'T
GET MY
MIND OFF
THAT
MASKED
KID...



... SO
WE CAN
PROBABLY
RELAX FOR
A WHILE...

THIS TIME,
YOU TOOK
DOWN YOUR
STRONGEST
FOE YET...



BECAUSE
THEY
DISPOSE OF
CORPSES SO
THOROUGHLY,
IT'S AS THOUGH
THEY NEVER
EXISTED...

THEIR
UNIT IS
CODE-NAMED
THE
"UNDERTAKER
SQUAD",

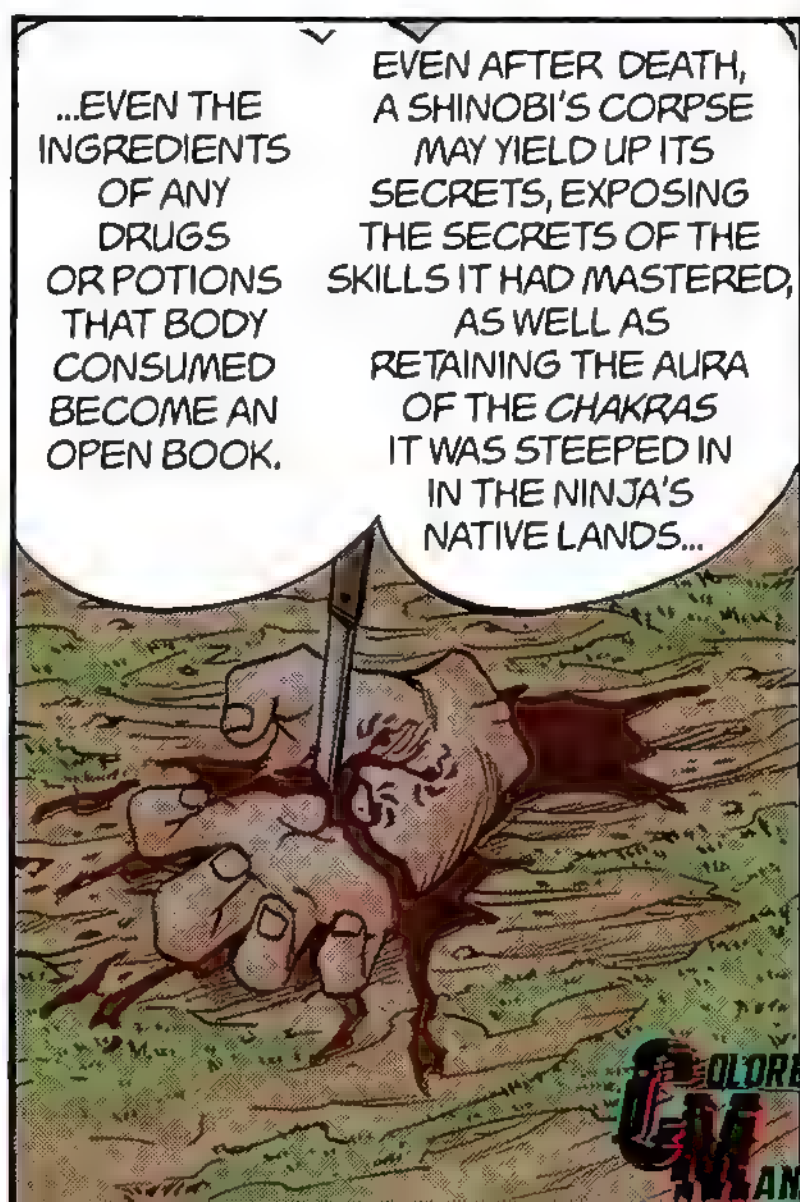
THE
SHINOBI
HUNTERS
ALL
WEAR
THEM....

THAT MASK
IS WORN BY
THE MOST
ELITE AND
SECRET NINJA
FROM THE
VILLAGE
HIDDEN
IN THE MIST...



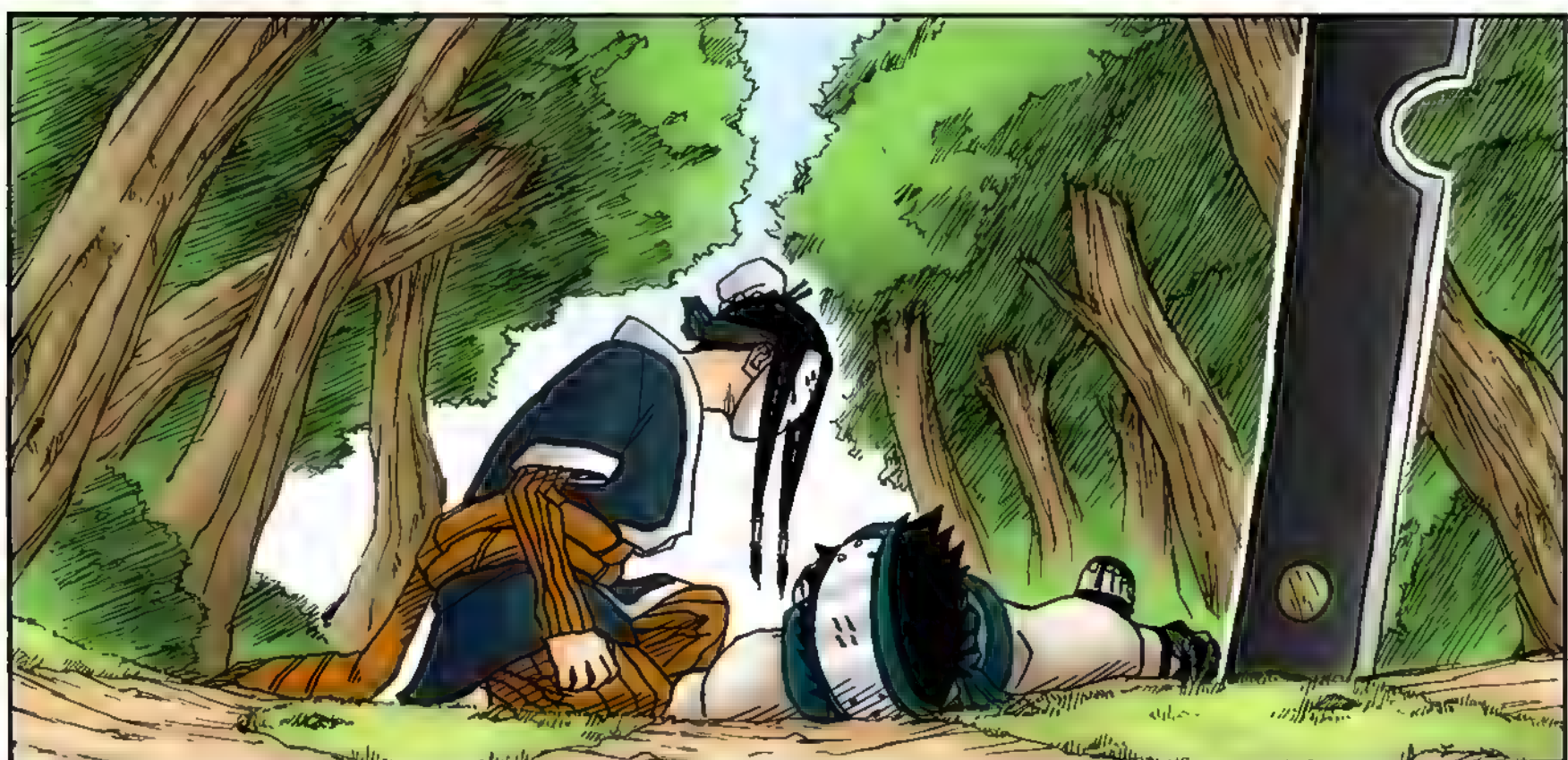
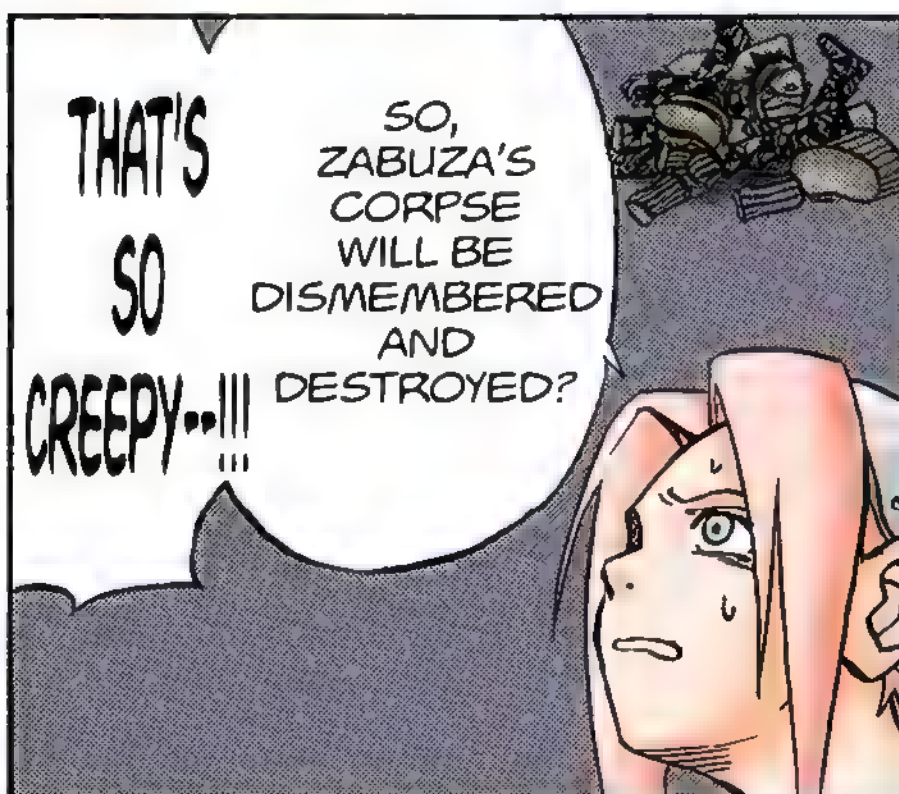
IN THE
WORST CASE,
THE ENEMY
MIGHT GAIN
ENOUGH
INFORMATION
TO BE ABLE
TO DUPLICATE
AND MASTER
THAT POWER.

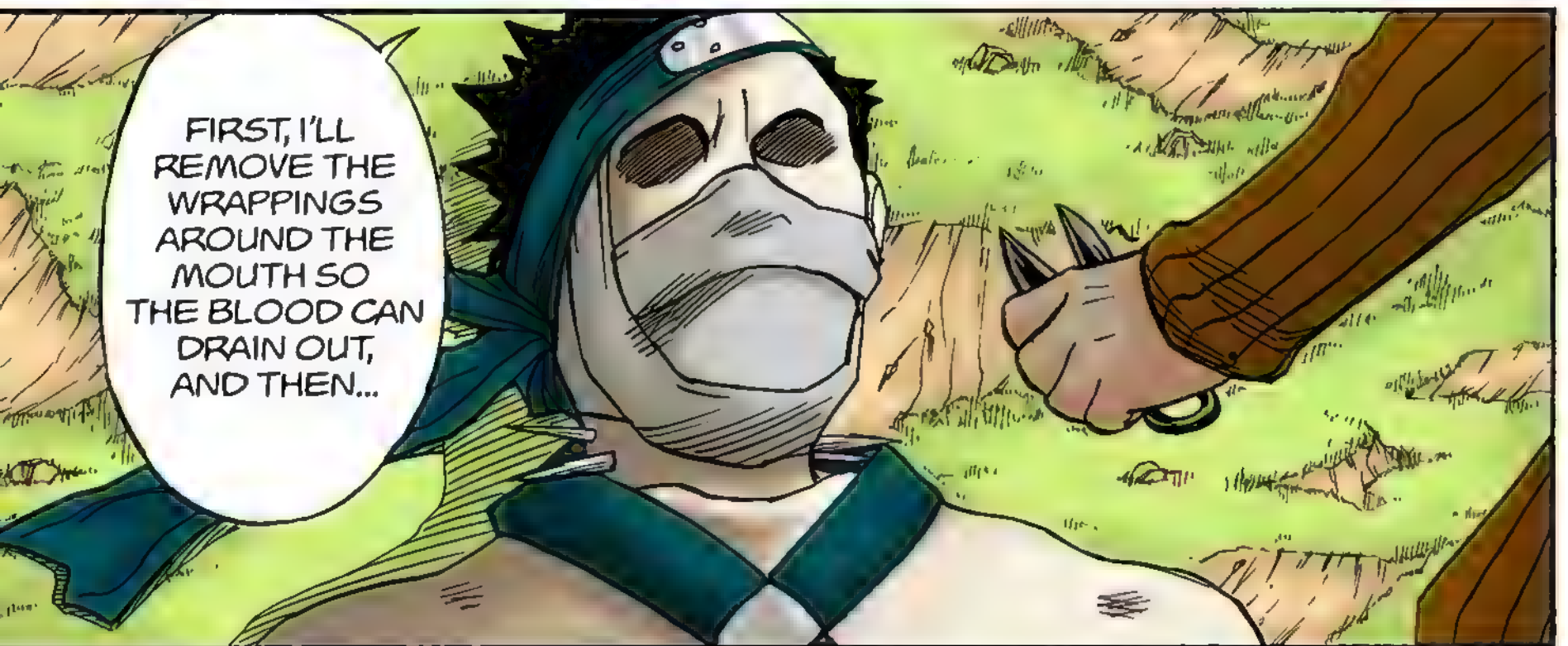
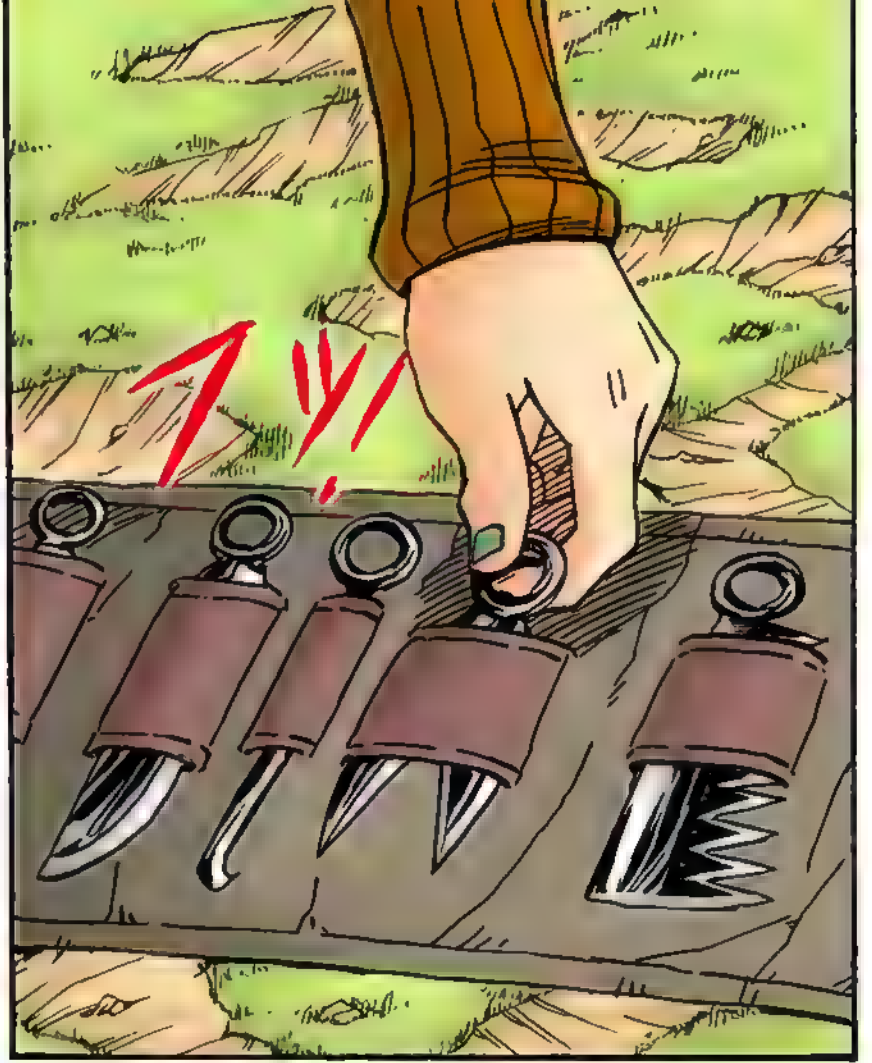
IN THE SAME WAY,
WHEN I DIE, IF AN
ENEMY WERE TO TAKE
POSSESSION OF MY
REMAINS, THE CORPSE
WOULD REVEAL ALL OF
THE ANATOMICAL
IDIOSYNCRACIES
UNIQUE TO POSSESSORS
OF THE SHARINGAN EYE...



...EVEN THE
INGREDIENTS
OF ANY
DRUGS
OR POTIONS
THAT BODY
CONSUMED
BECOME AN
OPEN BOOK.

EVEN AFTER DEATH,
A SHINOBI'S CORPSE
MAY YIELD UP ITS
SECRETS, EXPOSING
THE SECRETS OF THE
SKILLS IT HAD MASTERED,
AS WELL AS
RETAINING THE AURA
OF THE CHAKRAS
IT WAS STEEPED IN
IN THE NINJA'S
NATIVE LANDS...

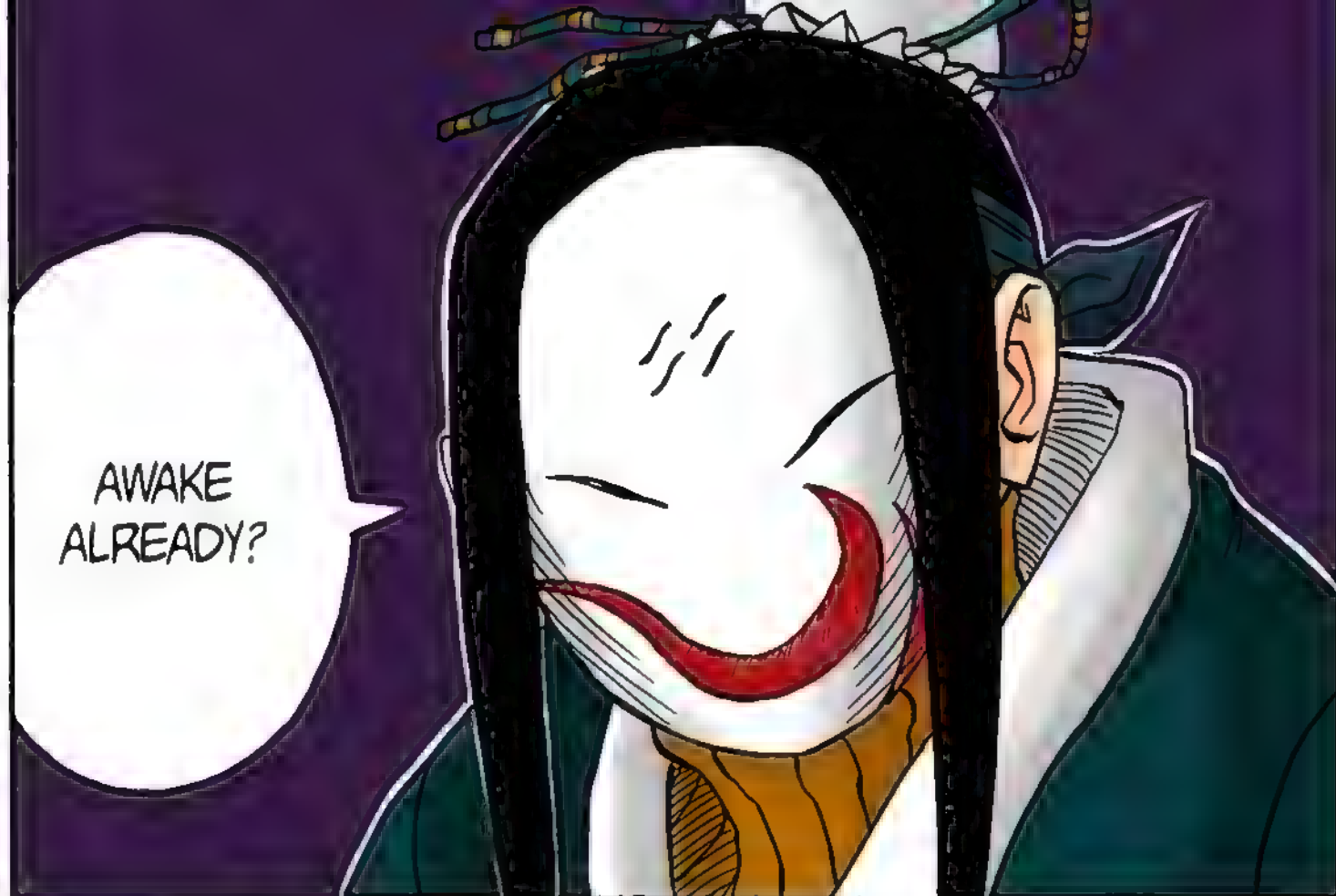




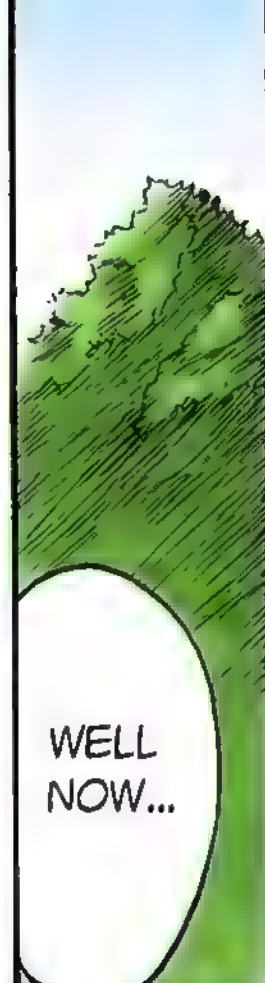


I
CAN
DO IT
MYSELF...

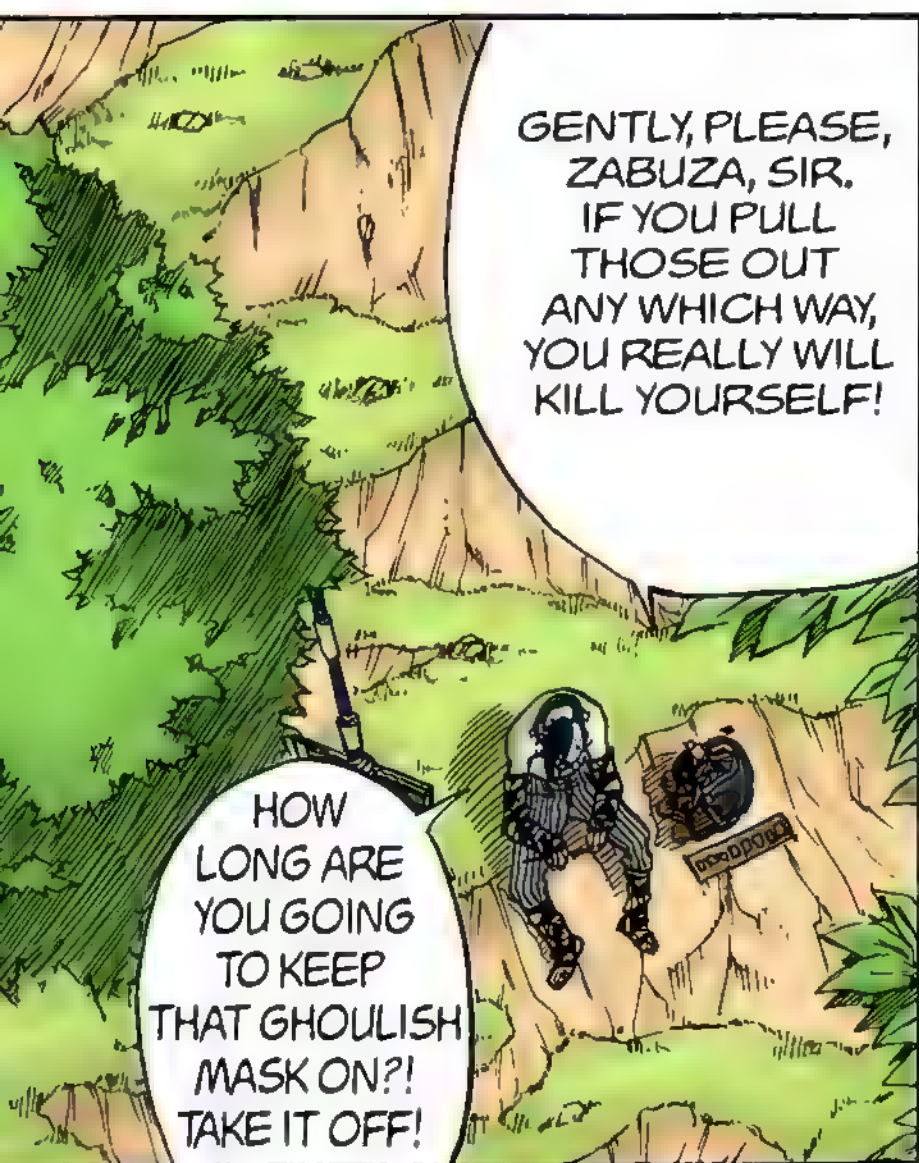
ENOUGH!



AWAKE
ALREADY?

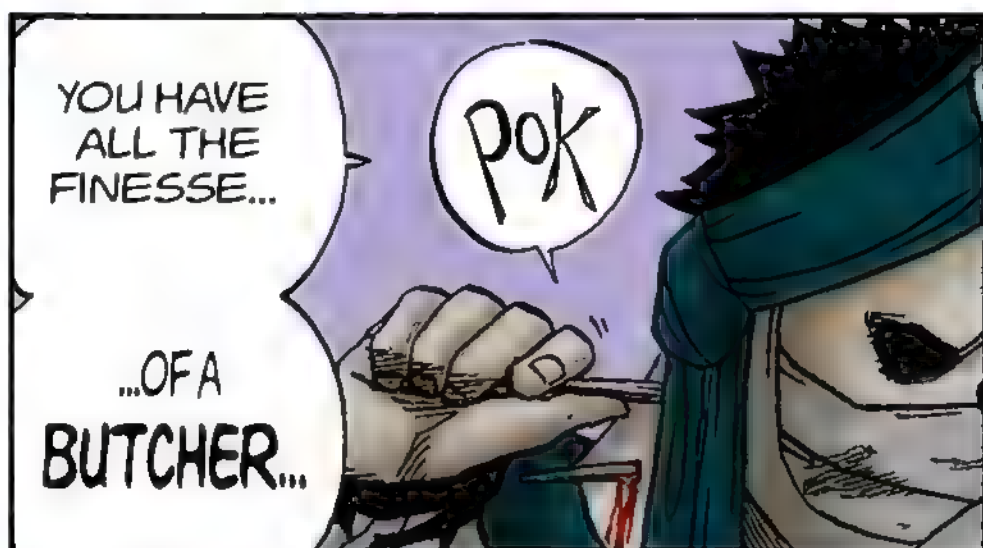


WELL
NOW...



GENTLY, PLEASE,
ZABUZA, SIR.
IF YOU PULL
THOSE OUT
ANY WHICH WAY,
YOU REALLY WILL
KILL YOURSELF!

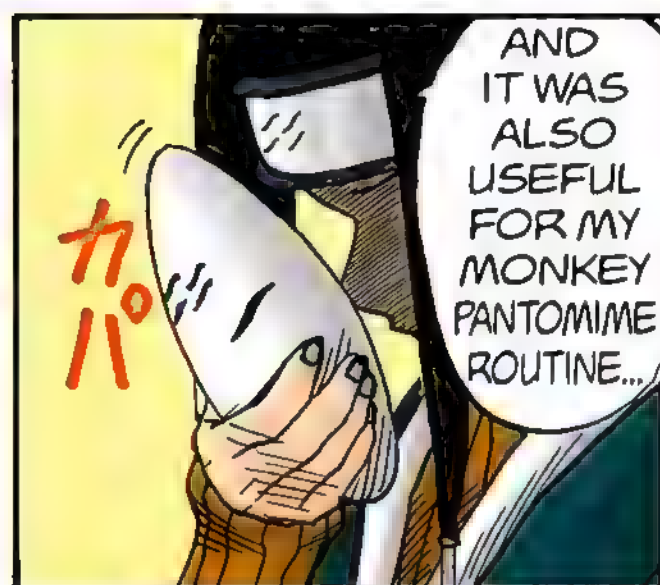
HOW
LONG ARE
YOU GOING
TO KEEP
THAT GHOULISH
MASK ON?!
TAKE IT OFF!



YOU HAVE
ALL THE
FINESSE...

POK

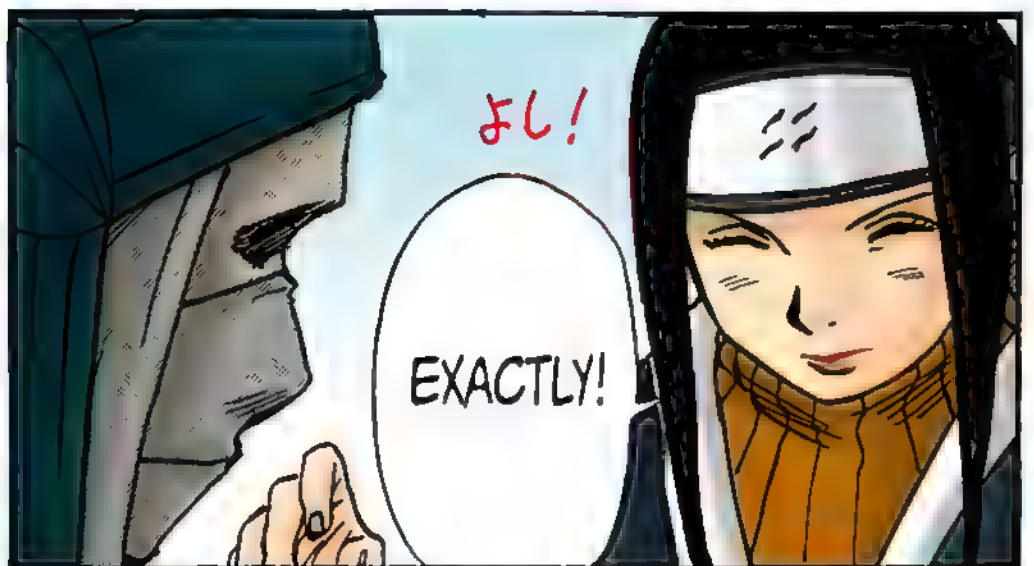
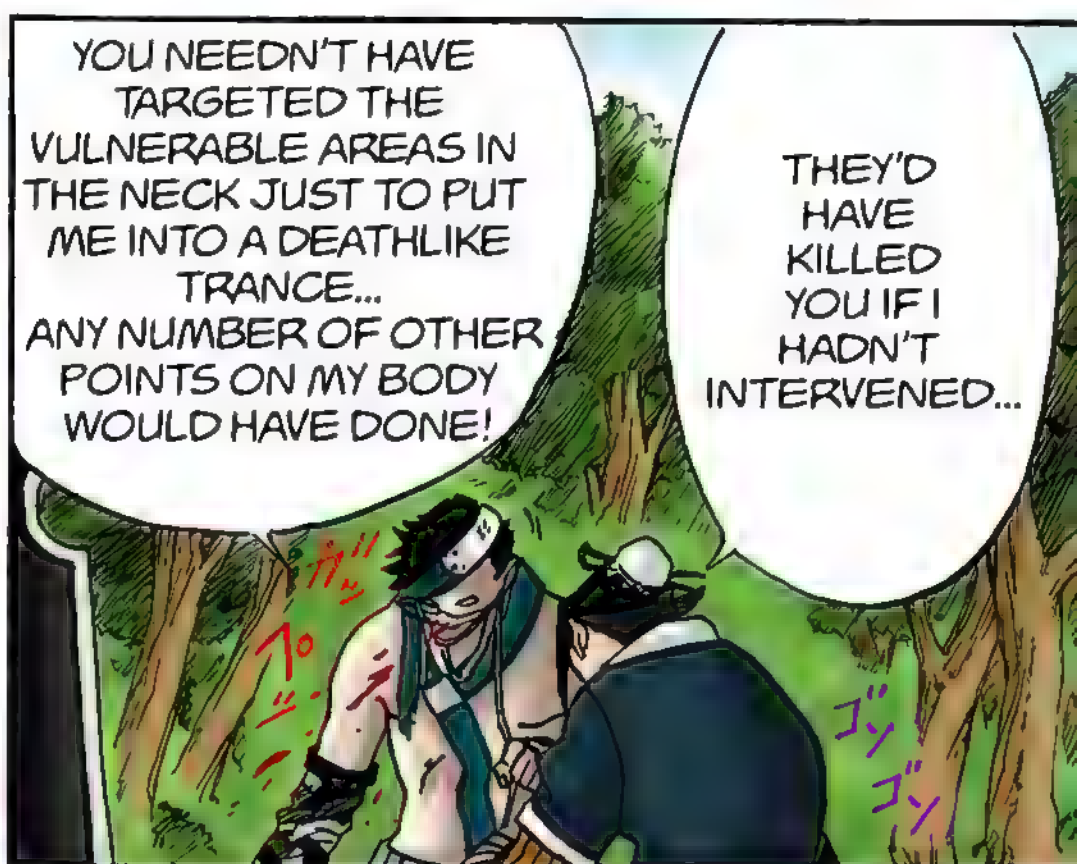
...OF A
BUTCHER...

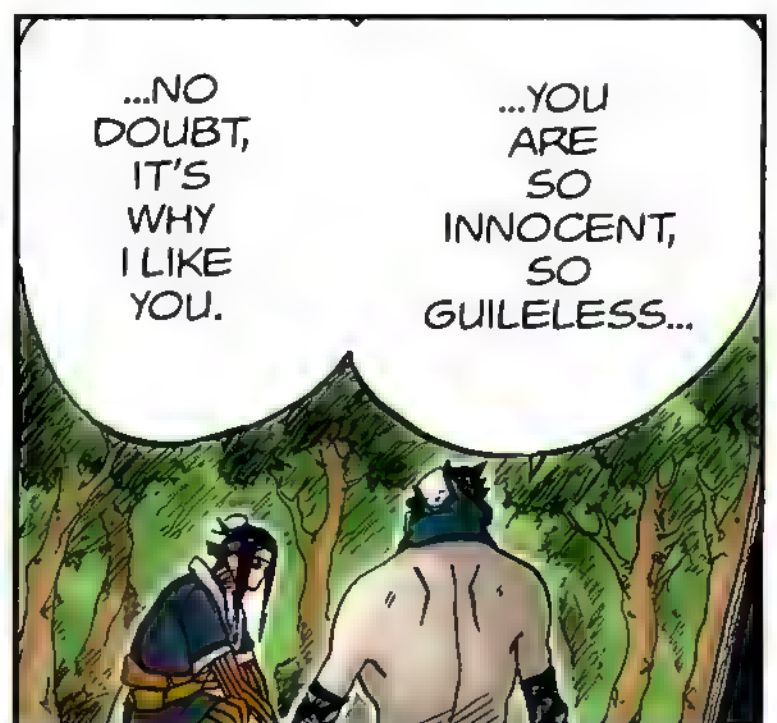
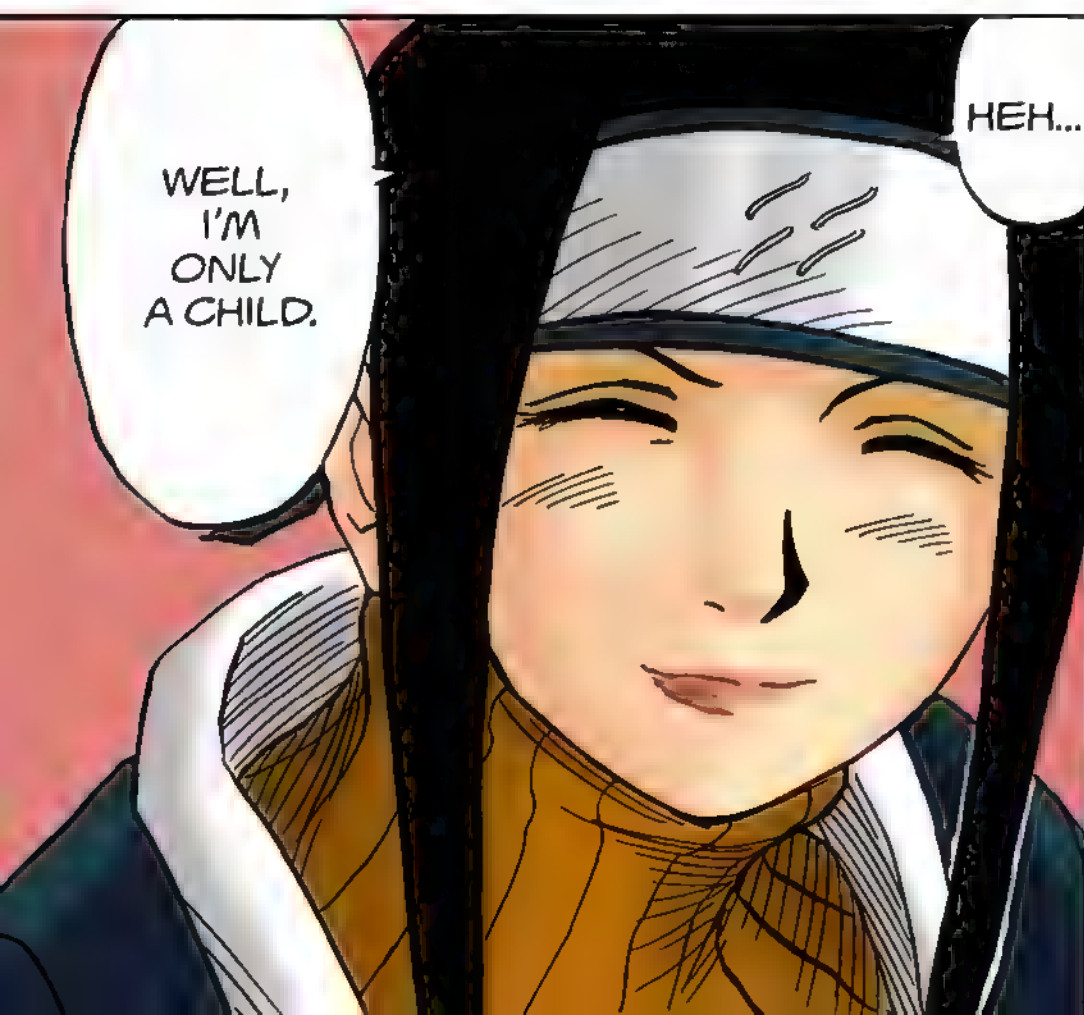
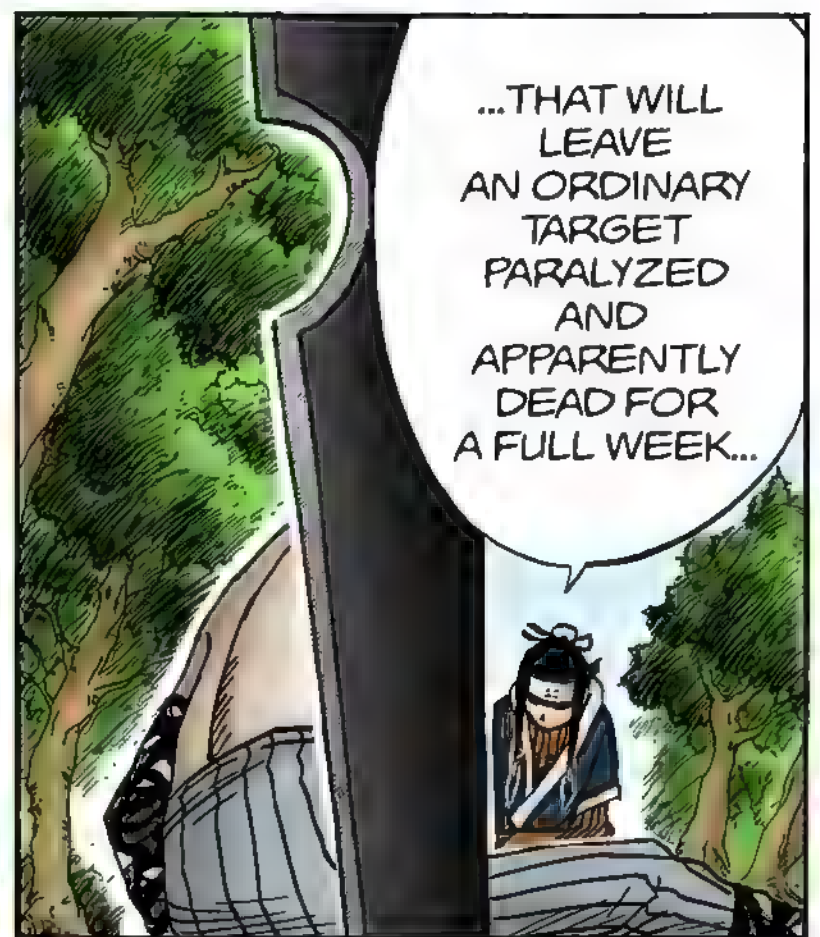
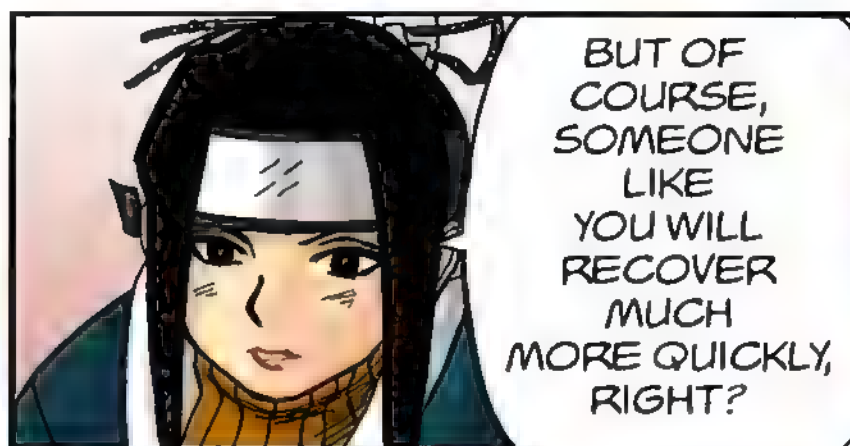
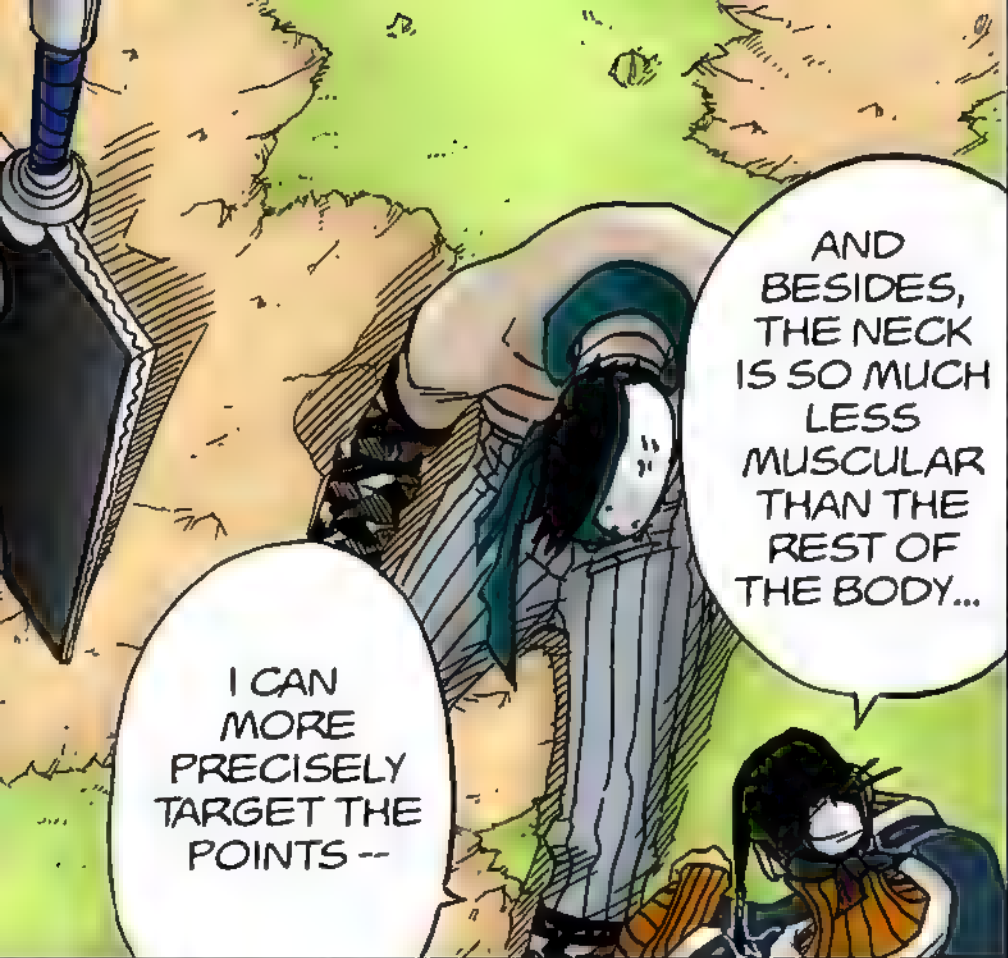


AND
IT WAS
ALSO
USEFUL
FOR MY
MONKEY
PANTOMIME
ROUTINE...



OLD
HABITS
DIE
HARD...







...THE
MIST
HAS
LIFTED...

WITHOUT
US
EVEN
NOTICING...

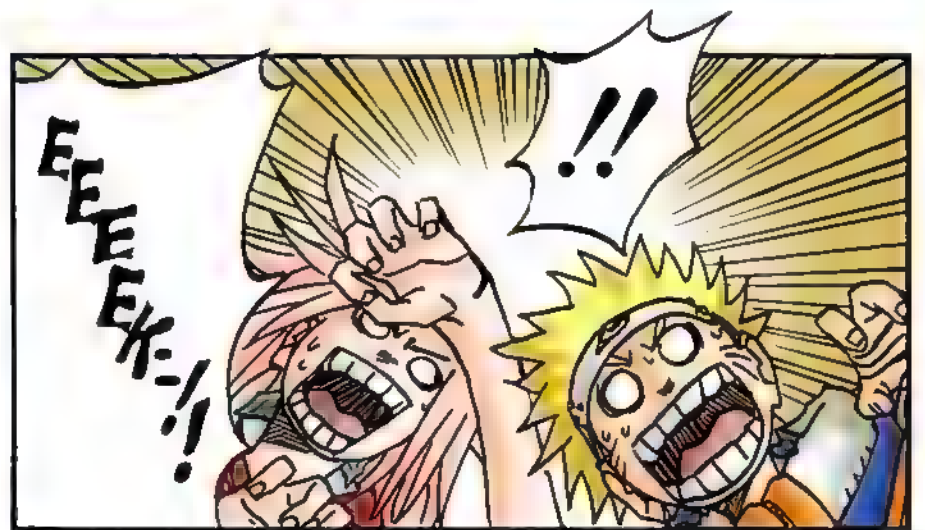


NEXT
TIME...
I'LL
BREAK
THE
SHARINGAN
SPELL!



...WILL
YOU
BE
ALL
RIGHT?

NEXT
TIME...





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たたか

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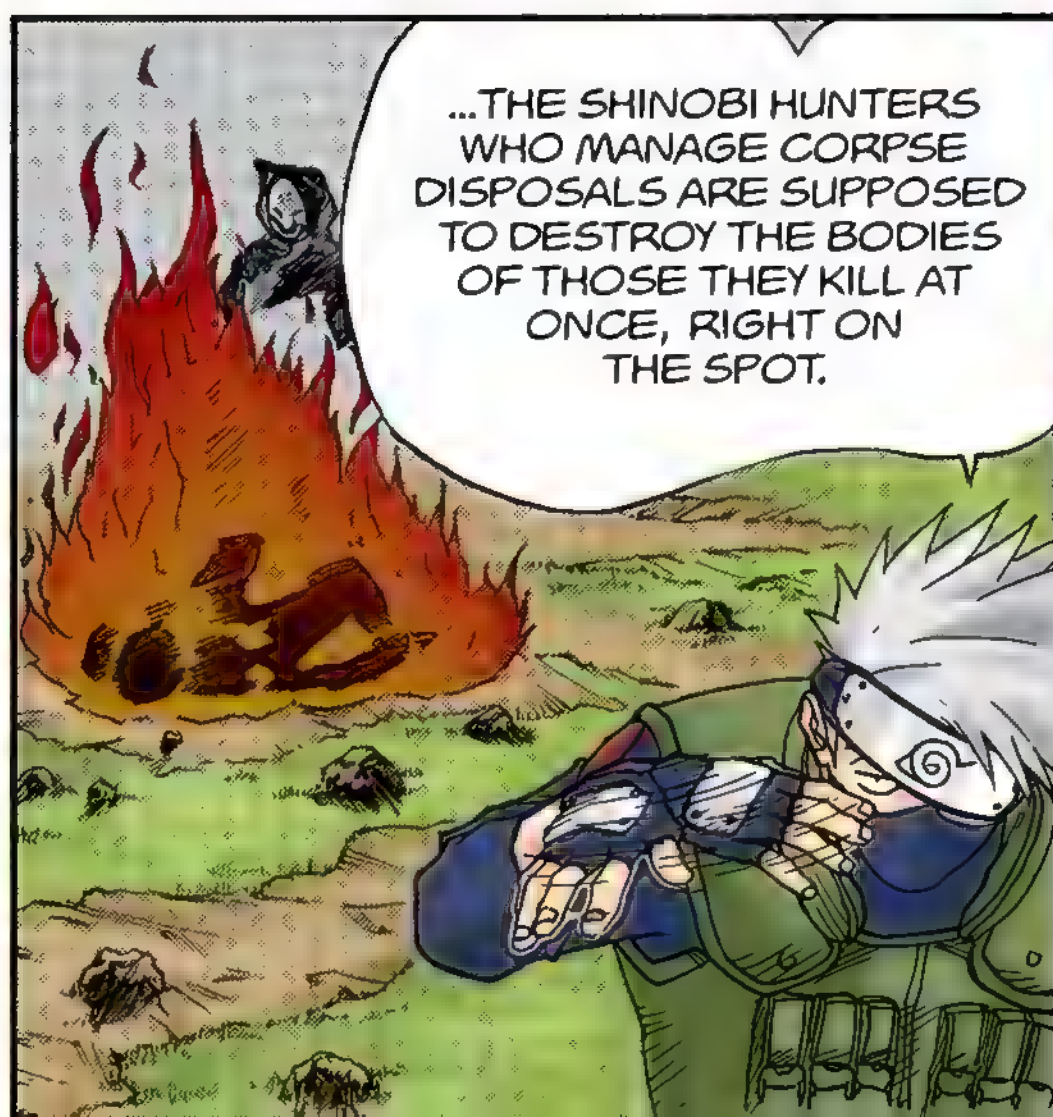
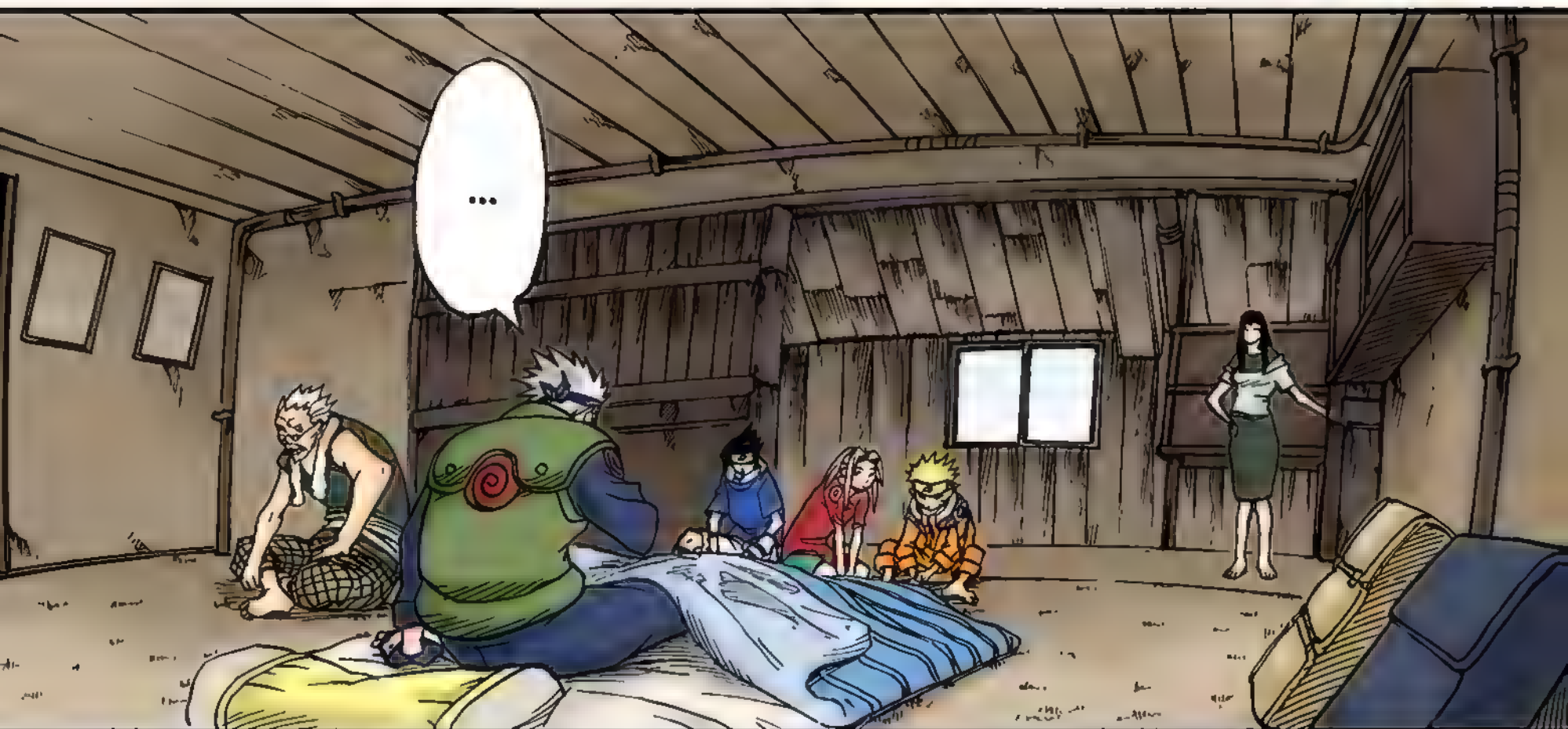
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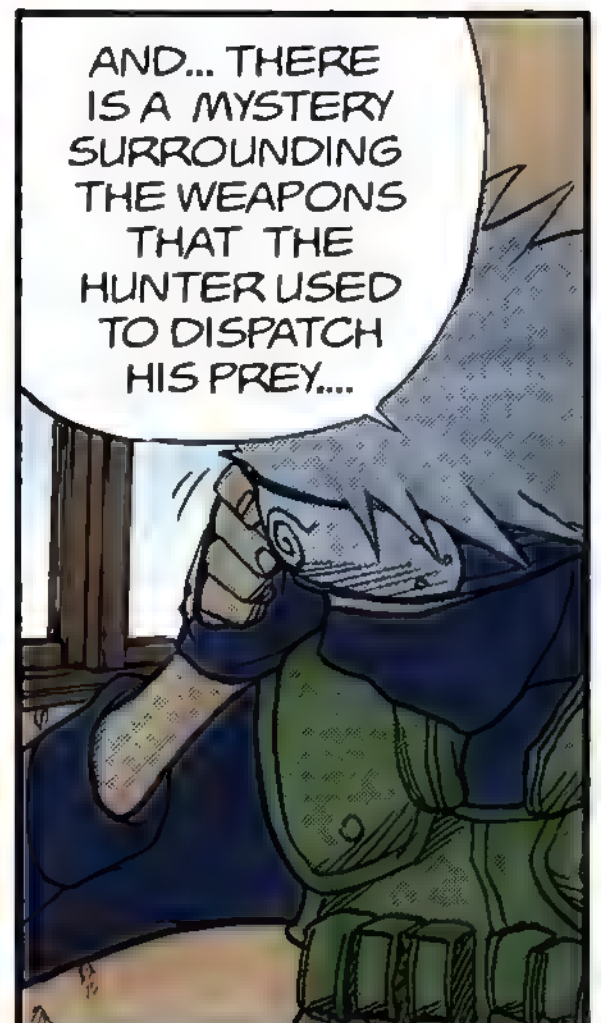
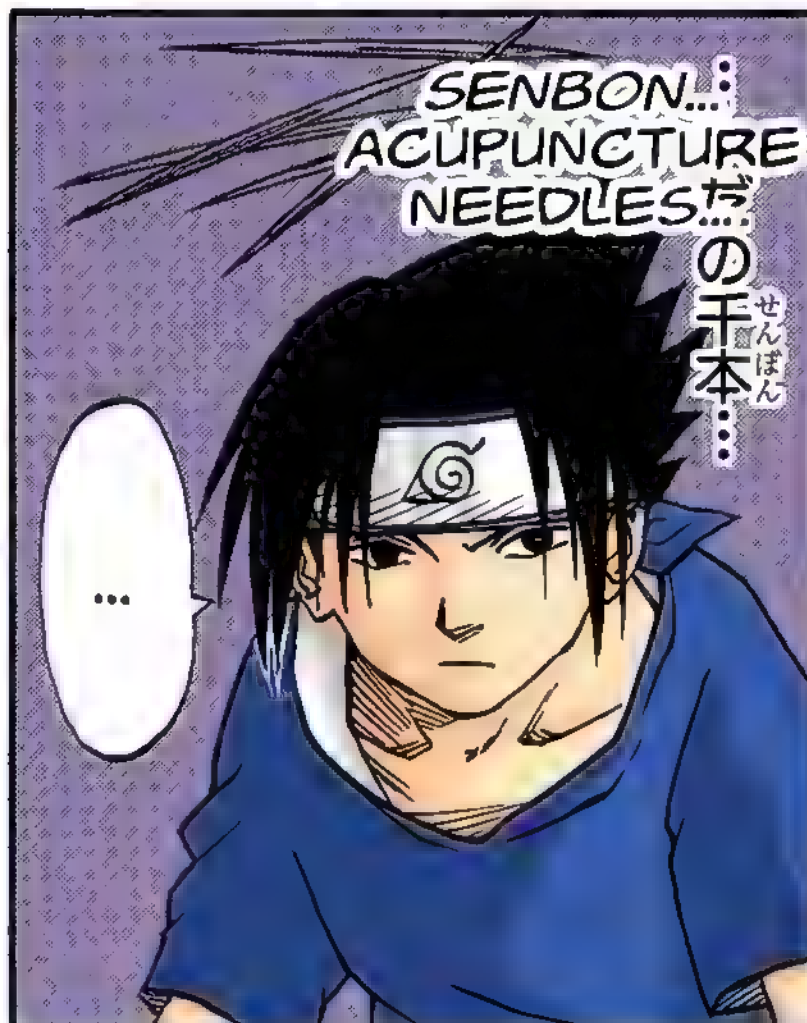
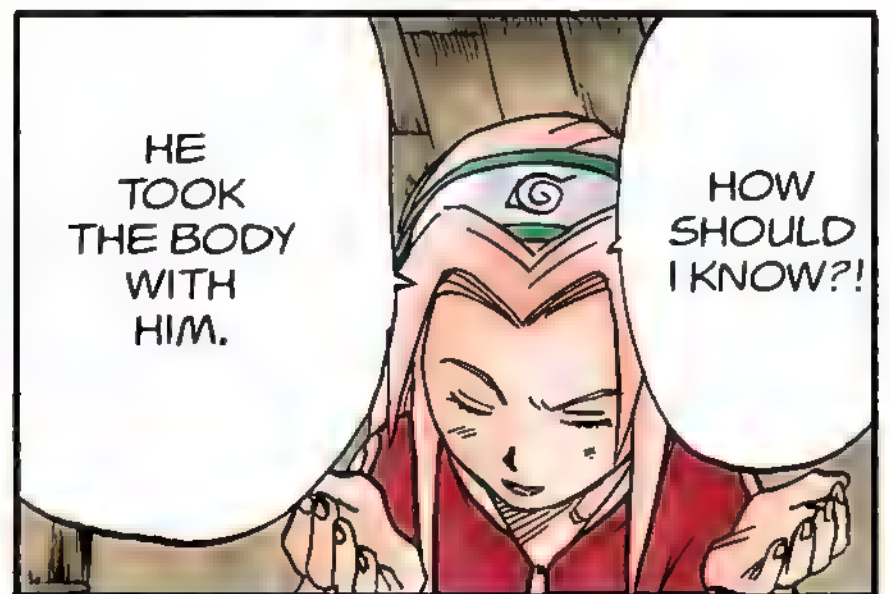
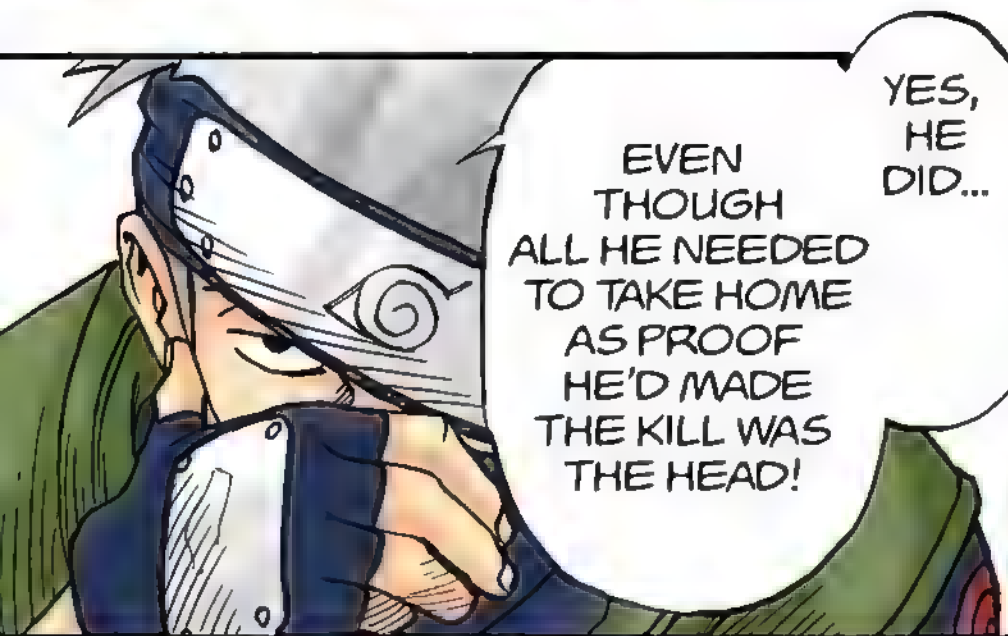
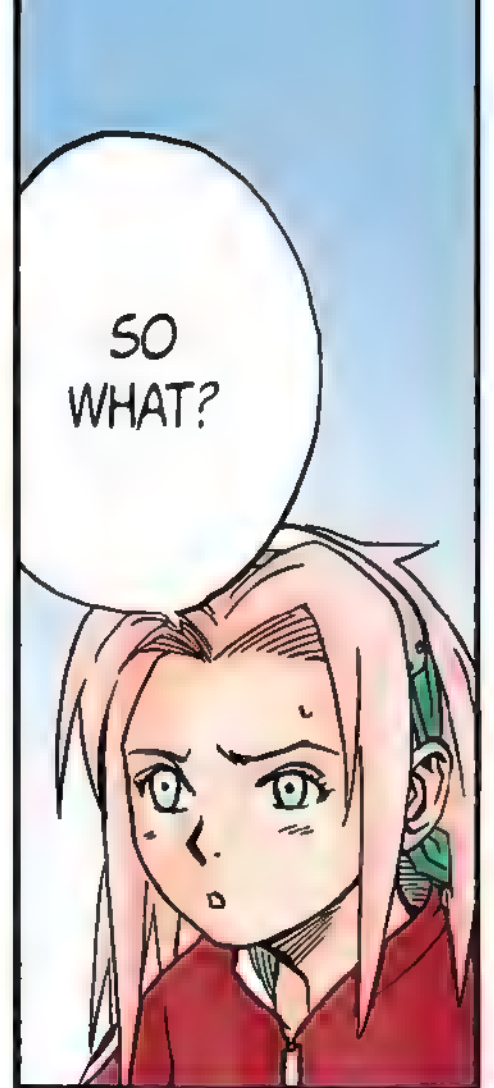
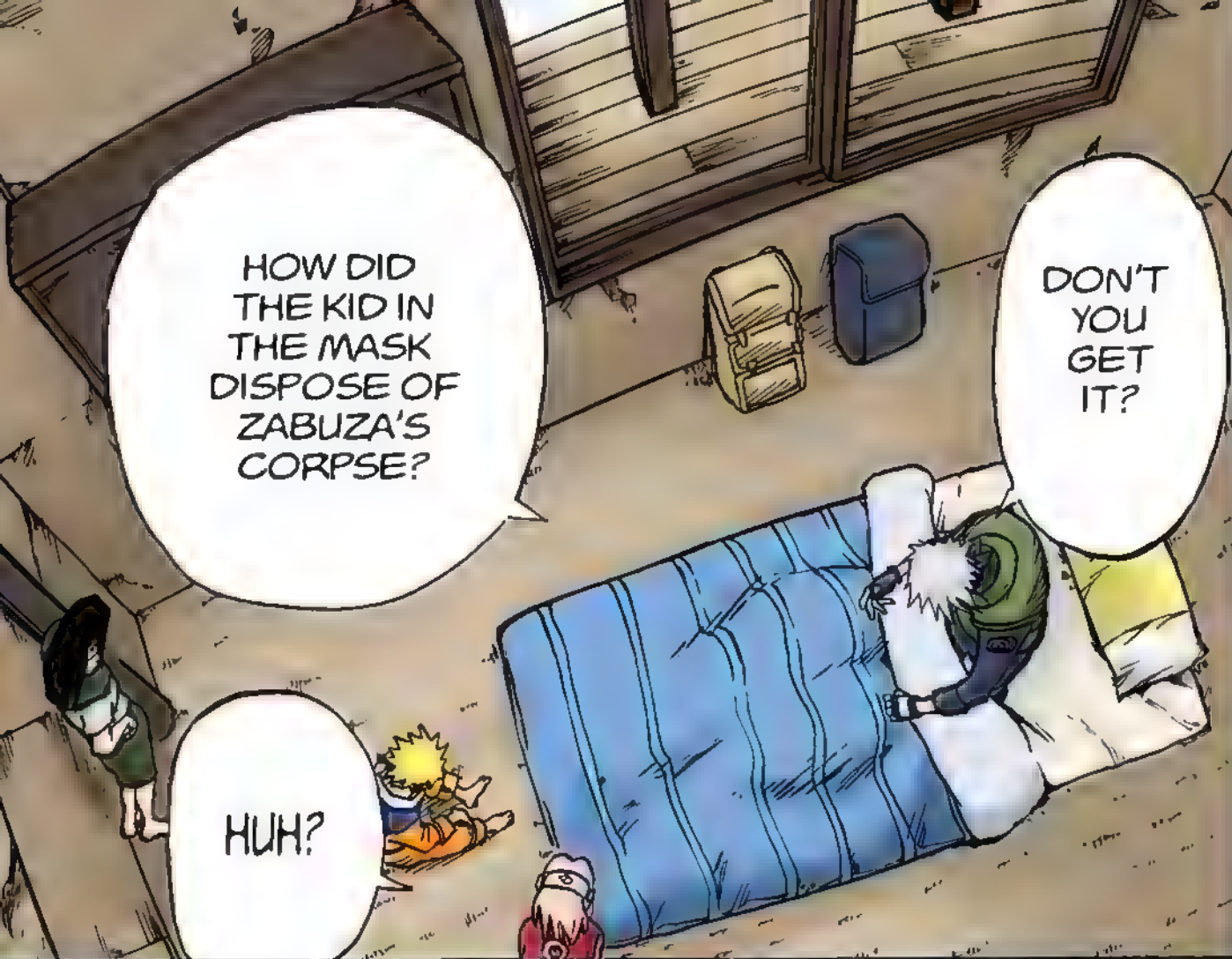


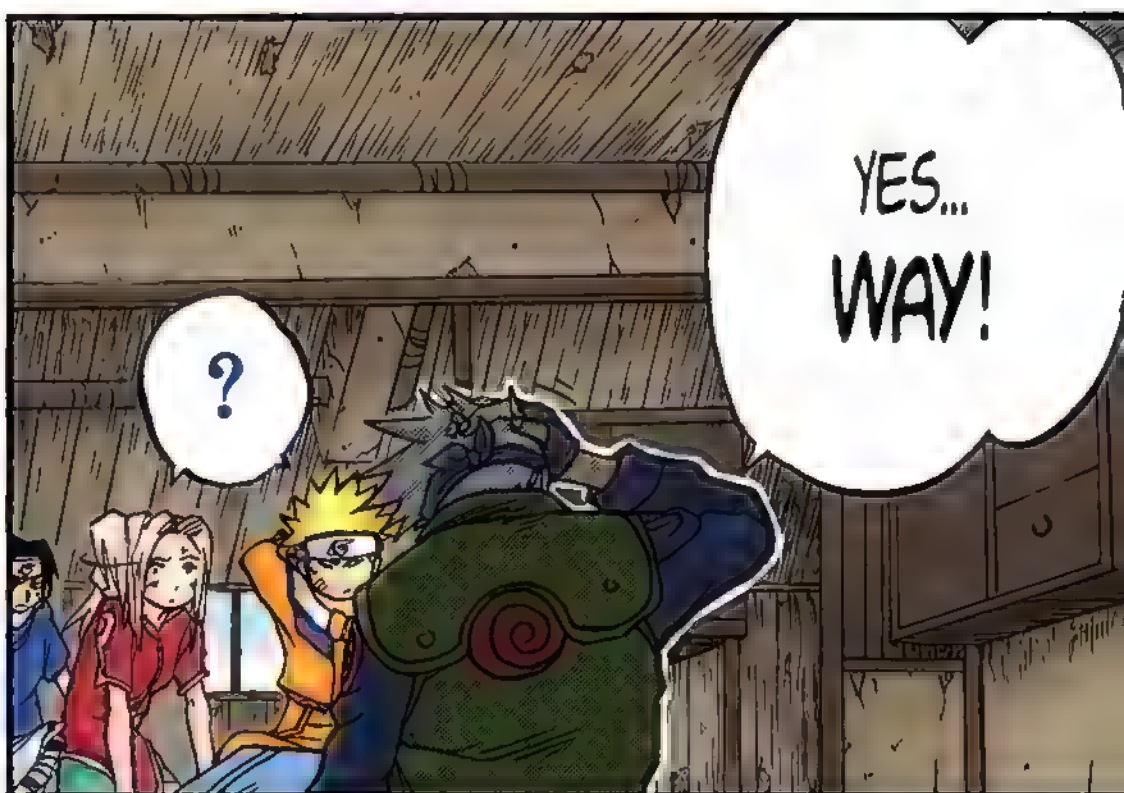
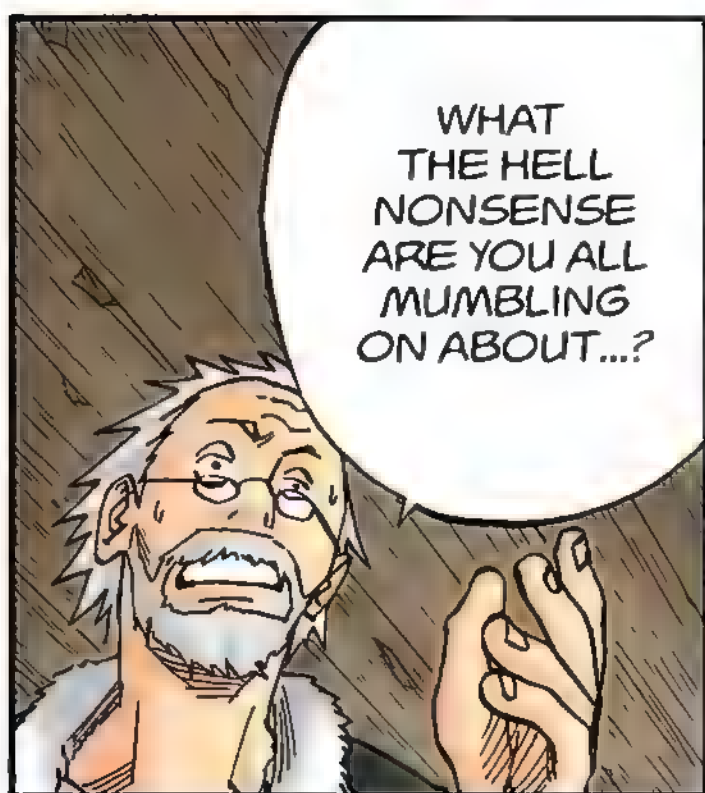
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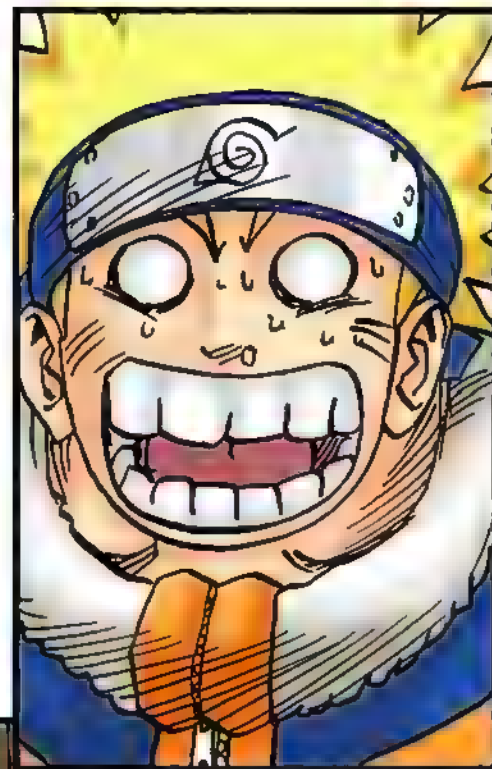
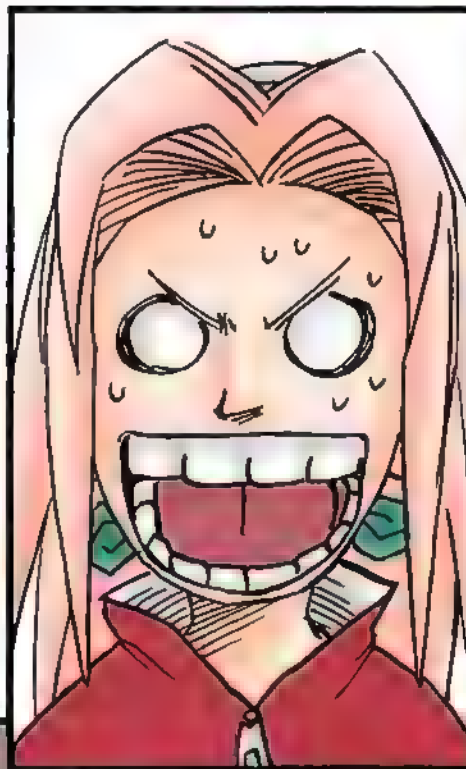
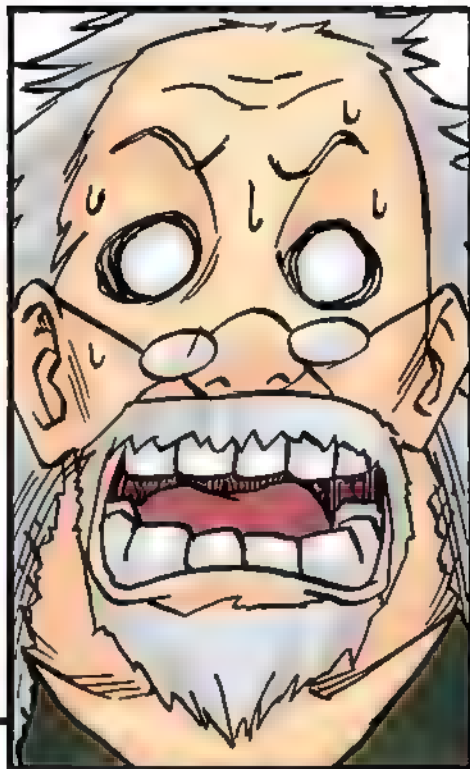
PREPARATIONS FOR BATTLE!!









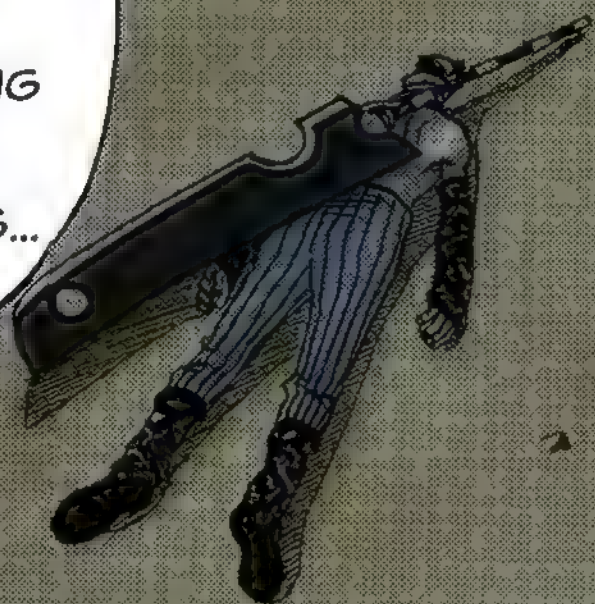


BUT,
MASTER
KAKASHI—
YOU CHECKED
TO BE SURE
ZABUZA
WAS DEAD,
DIDN'T YOU?!!



WHAT—
THE—
HECK
ARE
YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?!

... A DEATHLIKE
TRANCE
COULD HAVE
CREATED
A VERY
CONVINCING
ILLUSION
OF THE
REAL THING...



I
MADE
SURE
OF
IT...

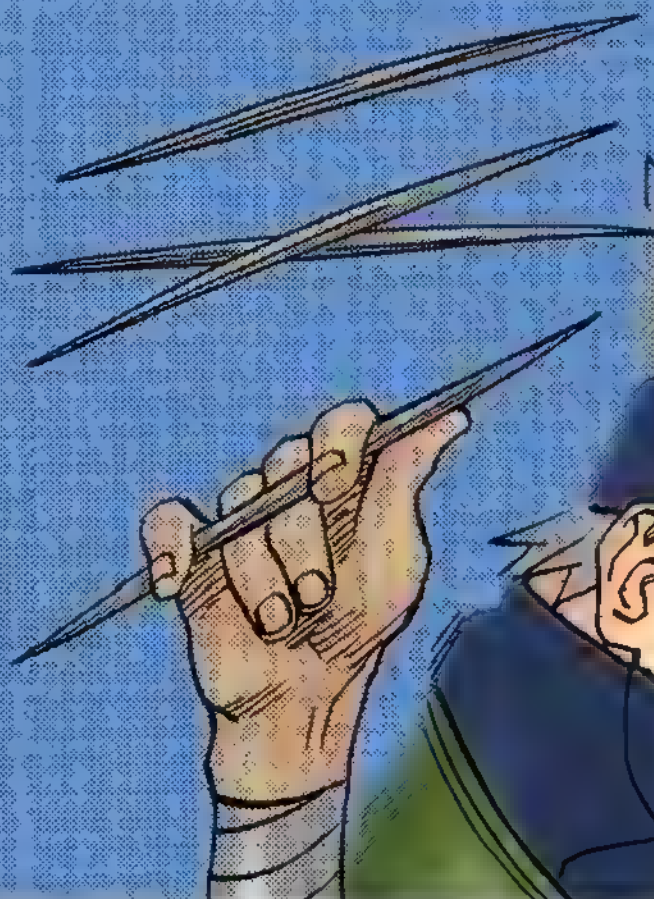
BUT...



...IF THEY HIT
A VITAL SPOT.
IF NOT,
THE MORTALITY
RATE IS
SURPRISINGLY
LOW...

AND
REMEMBER,
THEY WERE
ORIGINALLY
DESIGNED
AS MEDICAL
TREATMENT
TOOLS.

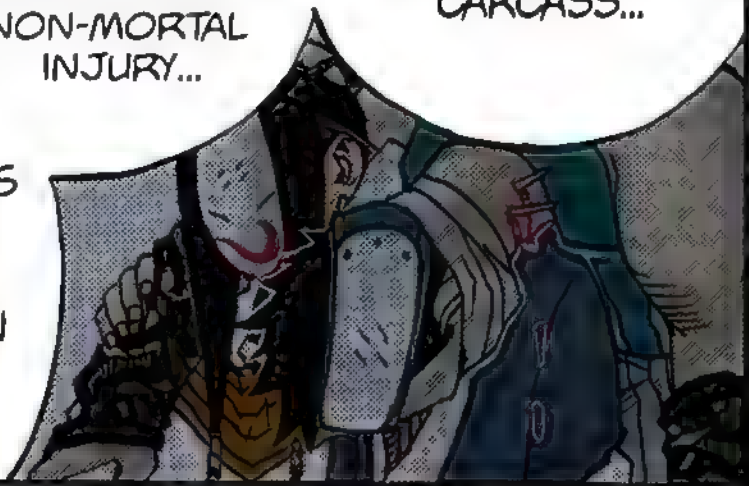
THOSE
ACUPUNCTURE
NEEDLE
WEAPONS
THAT SHINOBI
HUNTER USED
CAN BE
DEADLY...



SECONDLY,
THE
ACUPUNCTURE
NEEDLES
HE USED AS
WEAPONS, WHILE
POTENTIALLY
DEADLY,
CAN ALSO BE
USED TO INFLICT
NON-MORTAL
INJURY...

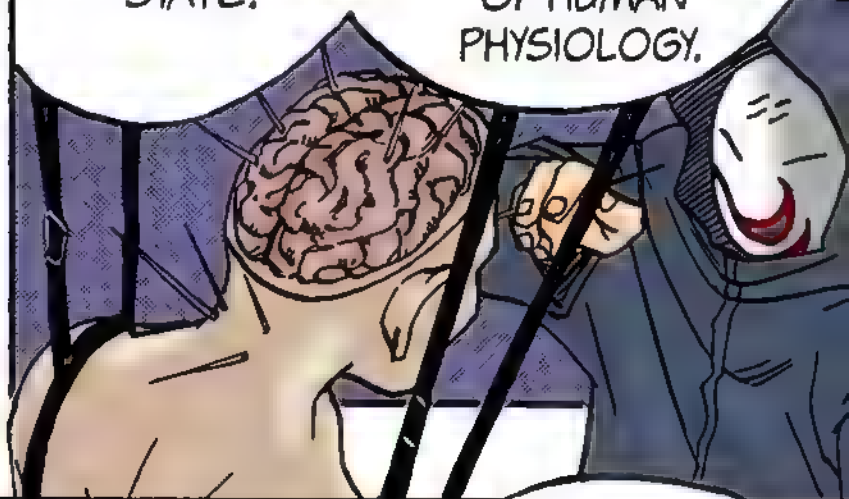
FIRST OF ALL,
THE MASKED BOY
WENT TO THE
TROUBLE OF
LUGGING OFF
ZABUZA'S HEAVY
CARCASS...

THESE TWO POINTS
SUGGEST
THAT THE KID'S
OBJECTIVE
WAS TO GIVE
THE ILLUSION
OF KILLING
ZABUZA...



IT WOULD
BE SIMPLE
FOR ONE
OF THEM
TO PLACE
A PERSON
INTO A
NEAR-DEATH
STATE.

SHINOBI
HUNTERS AND
ALL MEMBERS
OF ANY VILLAGE'S
CORPSE DISPOSAL
SQUAD MUST POSSESS
AN INTIMATE AND
THOROUGH
KNOWLEDGE
OF HUMAN
PHYSIOLOGY.

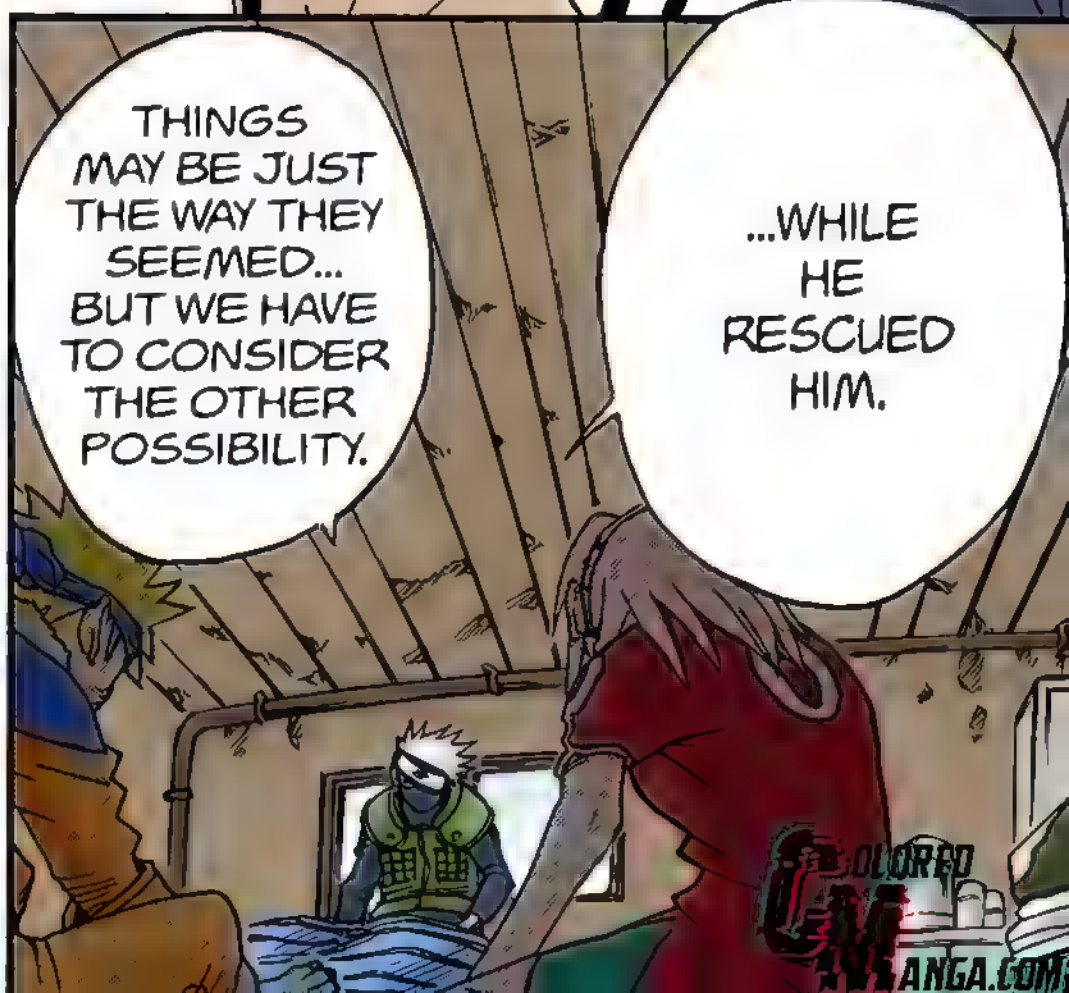
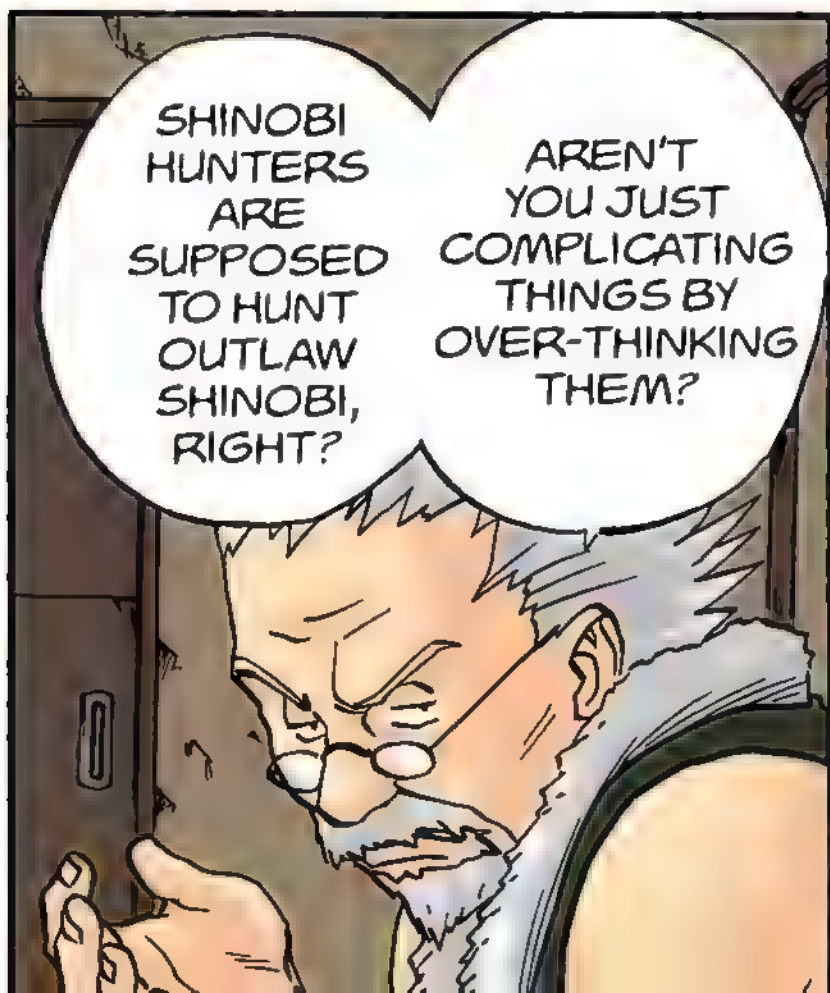


SHINOBI
HUNTERS
ARE
SUPPOSED
TO HUNT
OUTLAW
SHINOBI,
RIGHT?

AREN'T
YOU JUST
COMPLICATING
THINGS BY
OVER-THINKING
THEM?

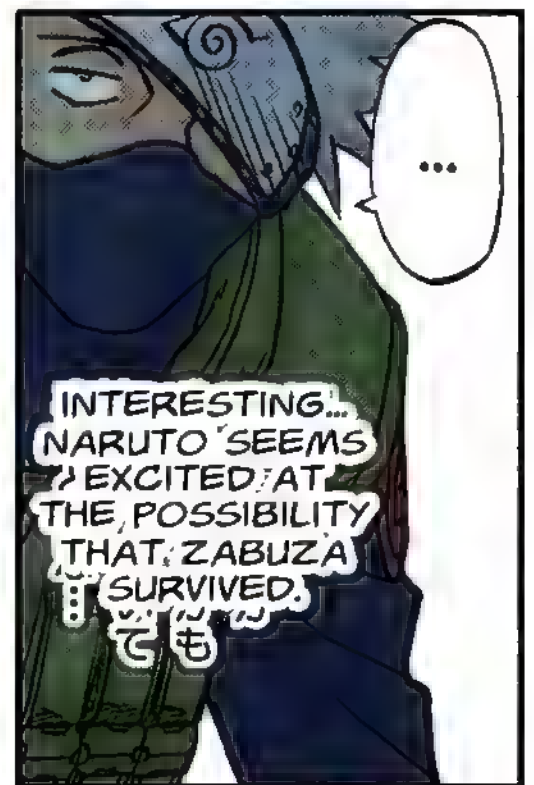
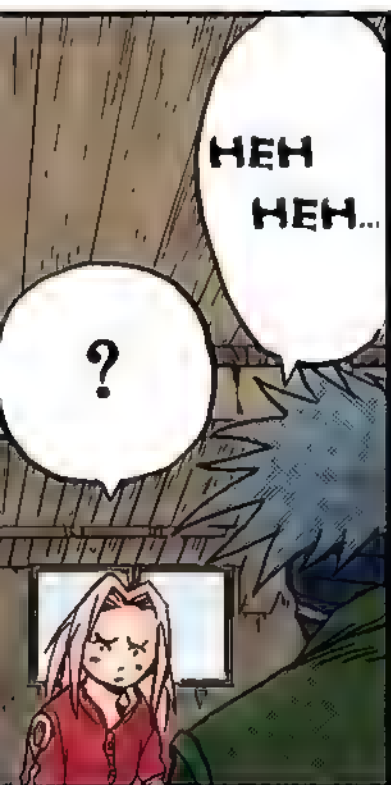
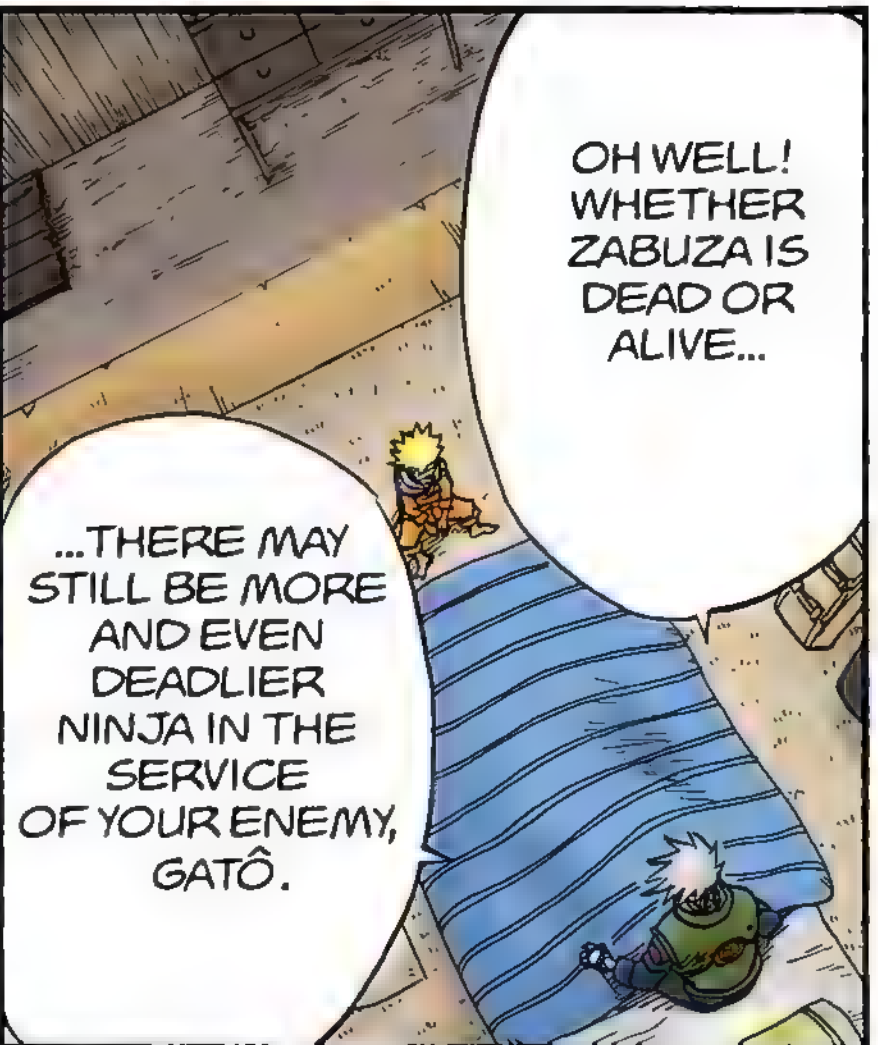
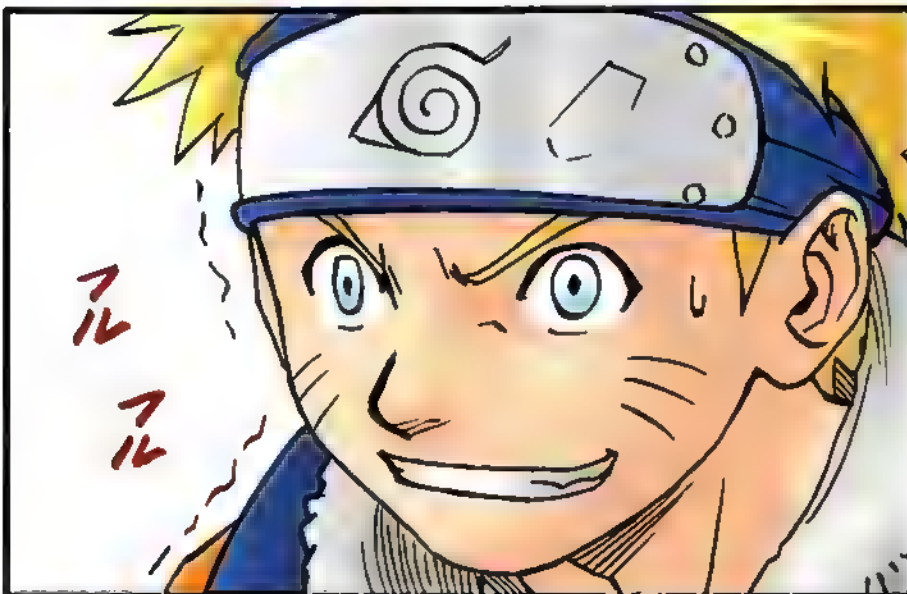
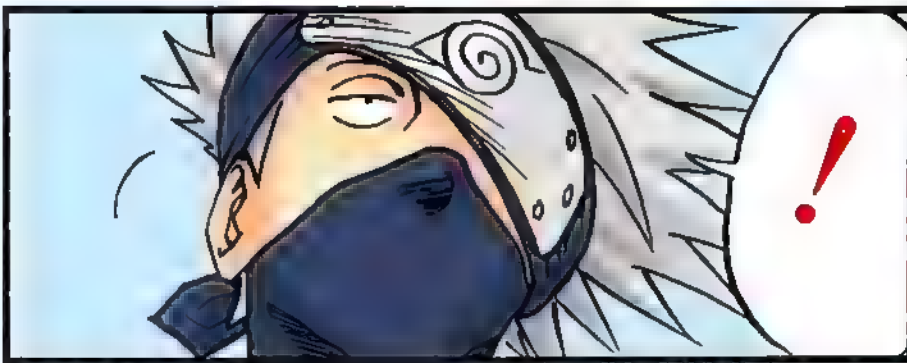
THINGS
MAY BE JUST
THE WAY THEY
SEEMED...
BUT WE HAVE
TO CONSIDER
THE OTHER
POSSIBILITY.

...WHILE
HE
RESCUED
HIM.



...TO BEING
CAUGHT
COMPLETELY
UNPREPARED.
AND
PREPARATION
IS A SHINOBI'S
MOST
IMPORTANT
SKILL!!

UUUUUSUALLY...
BUT
IGNORING
SOMETHING
THAT
SMELLS
THIS FISHY
IS A GREAT
FIRST STEP...



I'M
GOING
TO
INCREASE
YOUR
TRAINING
SCHEDULE!

OUR OPPONENT
IS A NINJA SO
POWERFUL
THAT EVEN WITH
YOUR SHARINGAN
MIRROR-EYE
POWER,
HE ALMOST
DEFEATED YOU!

WHAT ARE YOU
TRYING TO DO?
GET US ALL KILLED?!!

BUT MASTER
KAKASHI,
WHAT WILL A
LITTLE EXTRA
TRAINING NOW
MATTER WITH
WHAT WE'RE
UP AGAINST?!!

WHAT?!...
TRAINING...?!!

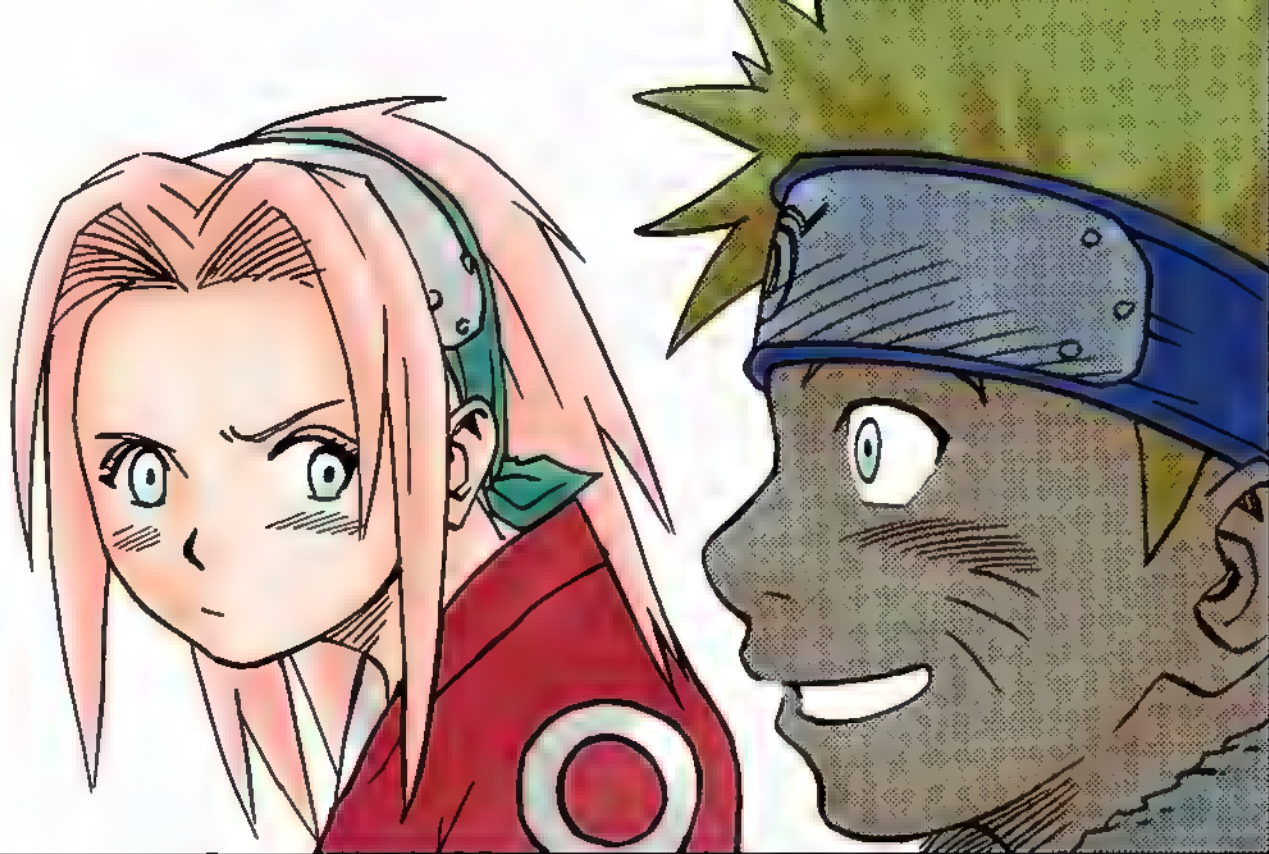
YOU'VE
GROWN
THE
MOST!!

ESPECIALLY
YOURS,
NARUTO!!

YOU THREE
ALL ARE
MATURING,
PROGRESSING
RAPIDLY, YOUR
POWERS
GROWING
EXPONENTIALLY...

AND WHEN
I WAS
BELEAGUERED,
SAKURA...
THINK ABOUT
WHO IT
WAS THAT
RESCUED ME...

...NARUTO...?
WELL, HE
SEEMS A
LOT MORE
GROWN-UP
THAN HE
USED TO,
BUT...



EVEN IF
ZABUZA IS ALIVE,
HOW CAN WE
JUST TRAIN
WITHOUT
KNOWING
WHEN HE MAY
RETURN AND
STRIKE AGAIN?

BUT,
MASTER!!



...THE SKILLS I
TEACH YOU NOW
WILL BE AN
INTERIM
THING ONLY,
TO TIDE US
OVER UNTIL I
RECOVER
ENOUGH TO
TAKE OVER...

BUT
THAT
BEING
SAID...



COULD
BE
FUN!

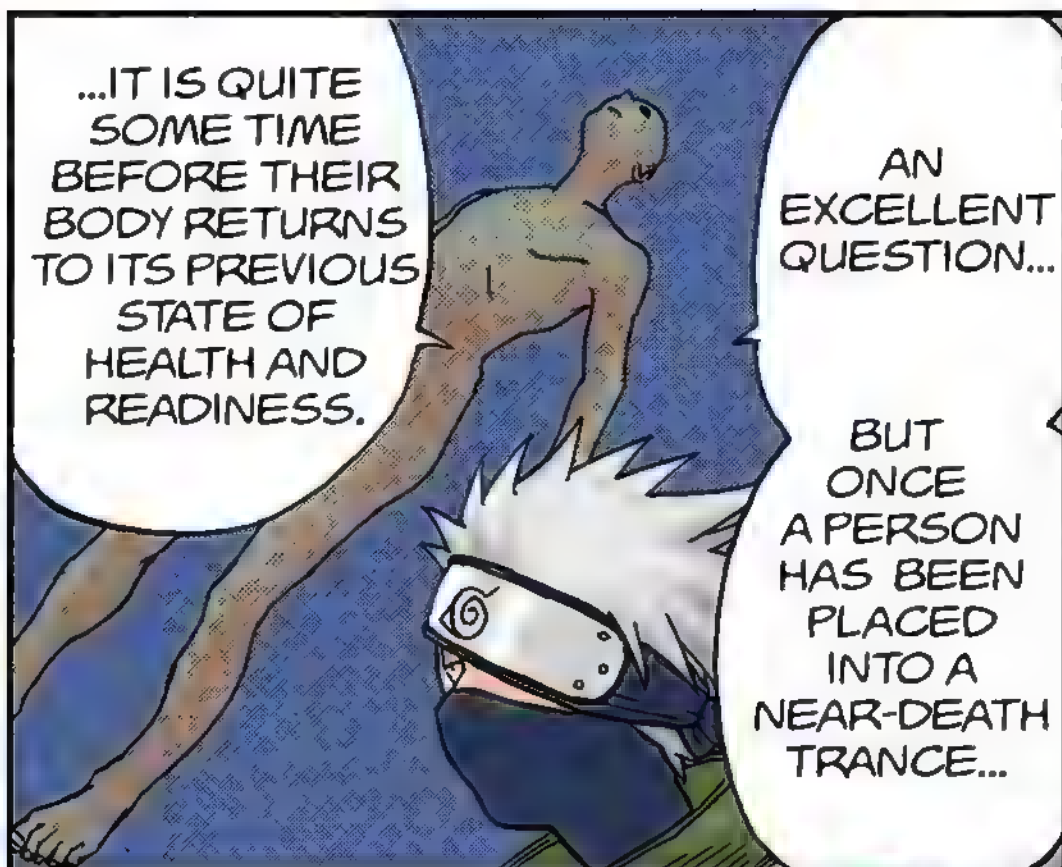
SO
WE'LL
TRAIN
WHILE
WE'RE
WAITING!

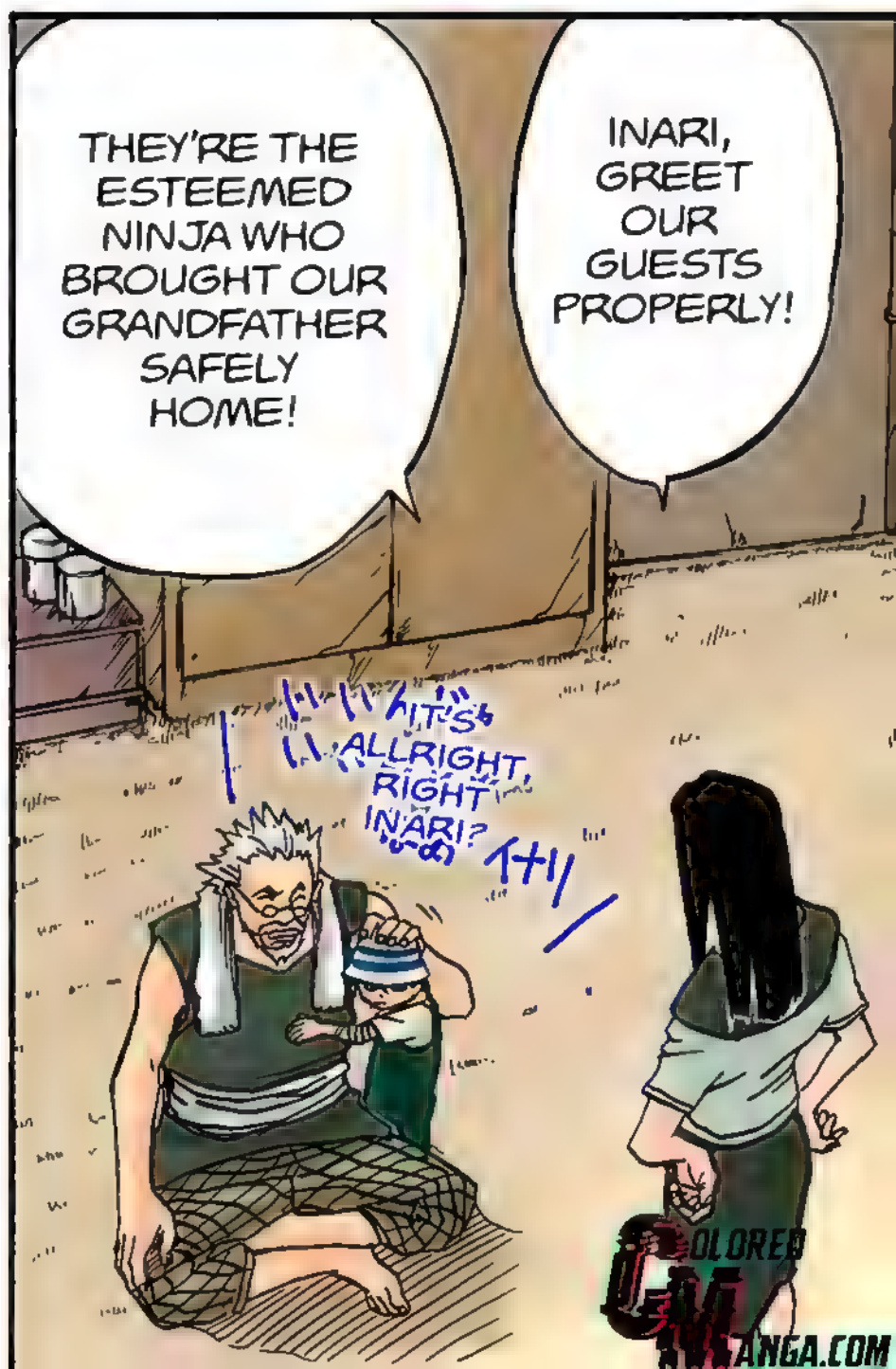
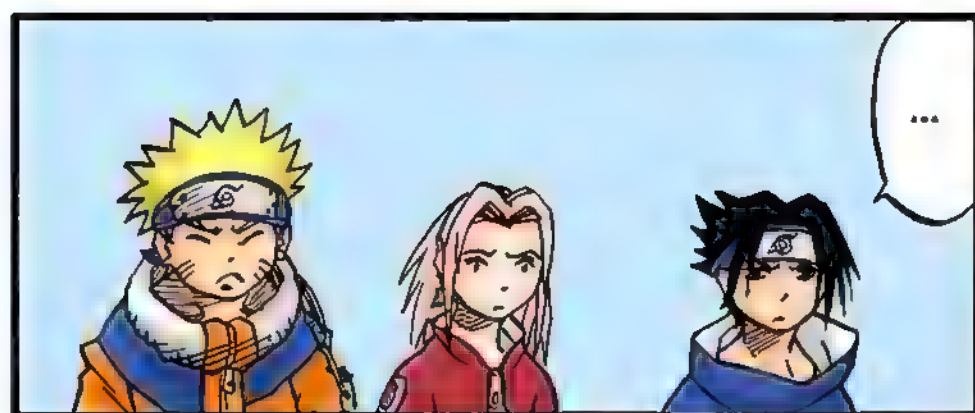
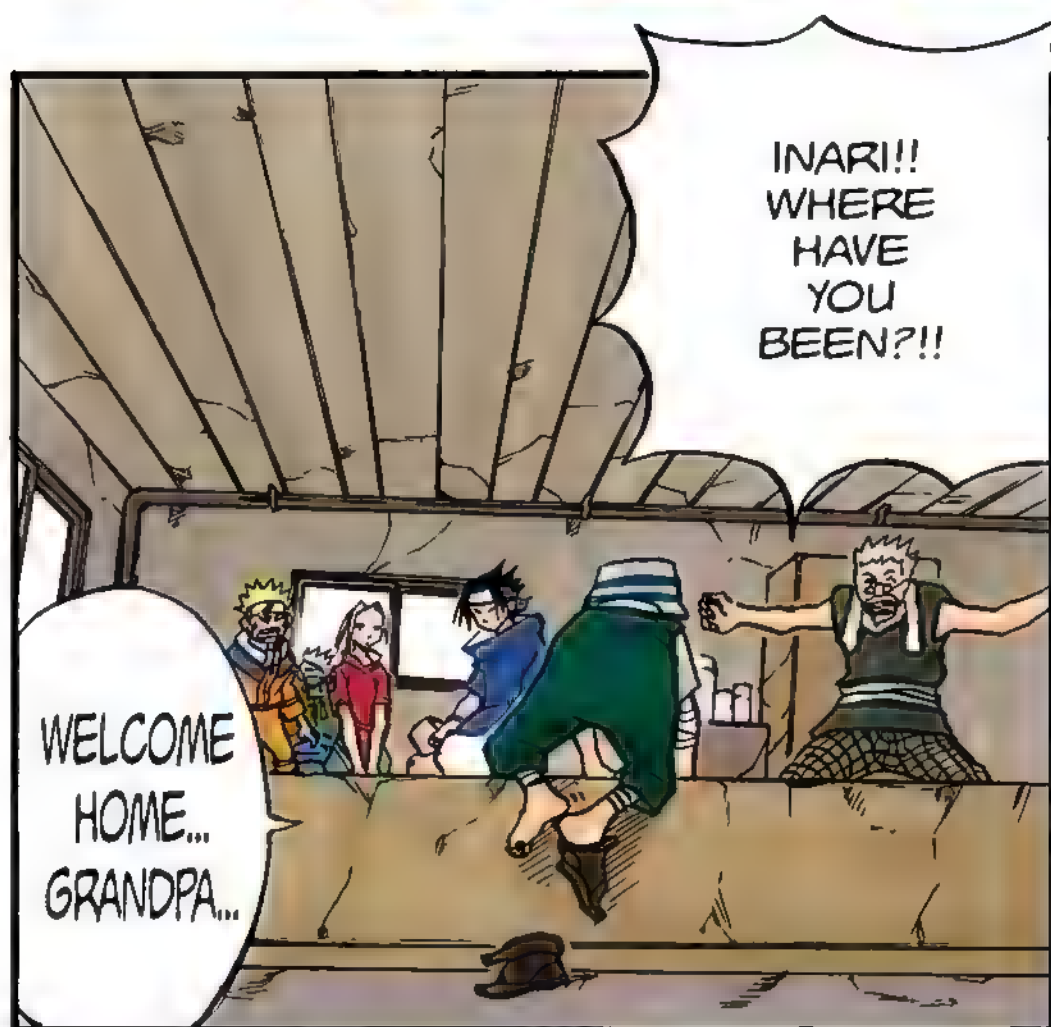
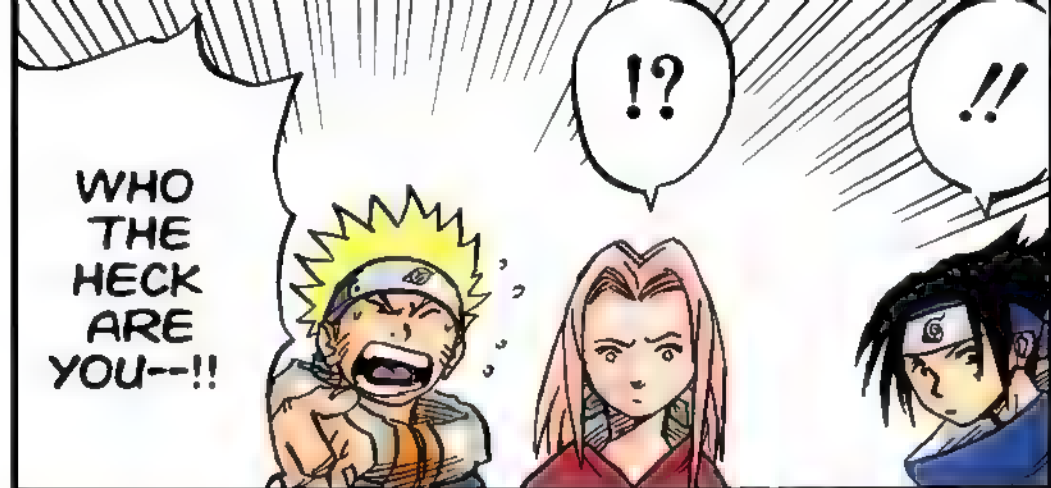


...IT IS QUITE
SOME TIME
BEFORE THEIR
BODY RETURNS
TO ITS PREVIOUS
STATE OF
HEALTH AND
READINESS.

AN
EXCELLENT
QUESTION...

BUT
ONCE
A PERSON
HAS BEEN
PLACED
INTO A
NEAR-DEATH
TRANCE...





LISTEN,
YOU
LITTLE
TWERP--!!!

!!

BUT,
MAMA,
THEY'RE
ALL
GONNA
DIE.

PULL
YOURSELF
TOGETHER,
NARUTO,
HE'S JUST
A LITTLE
BOY.

YOU
BRAT--!!

...

...

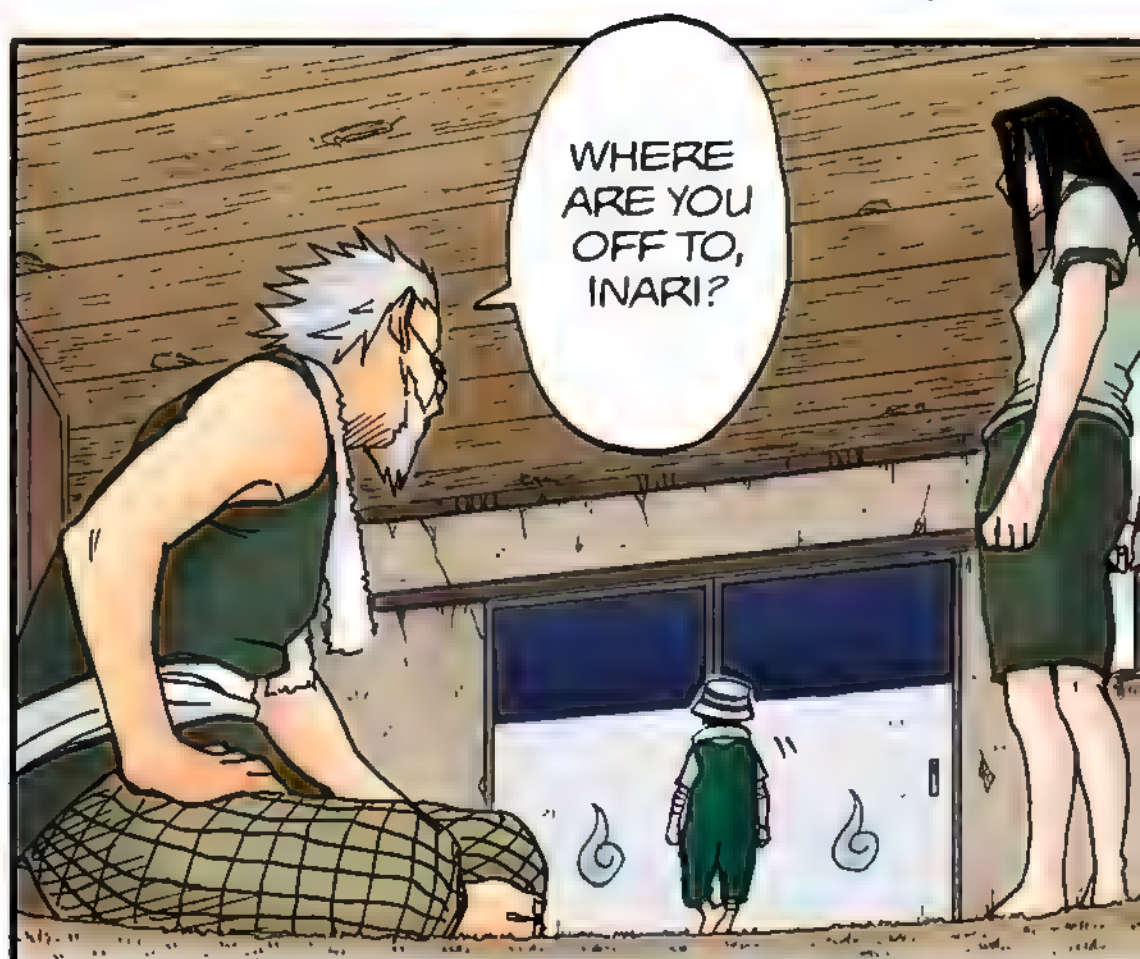
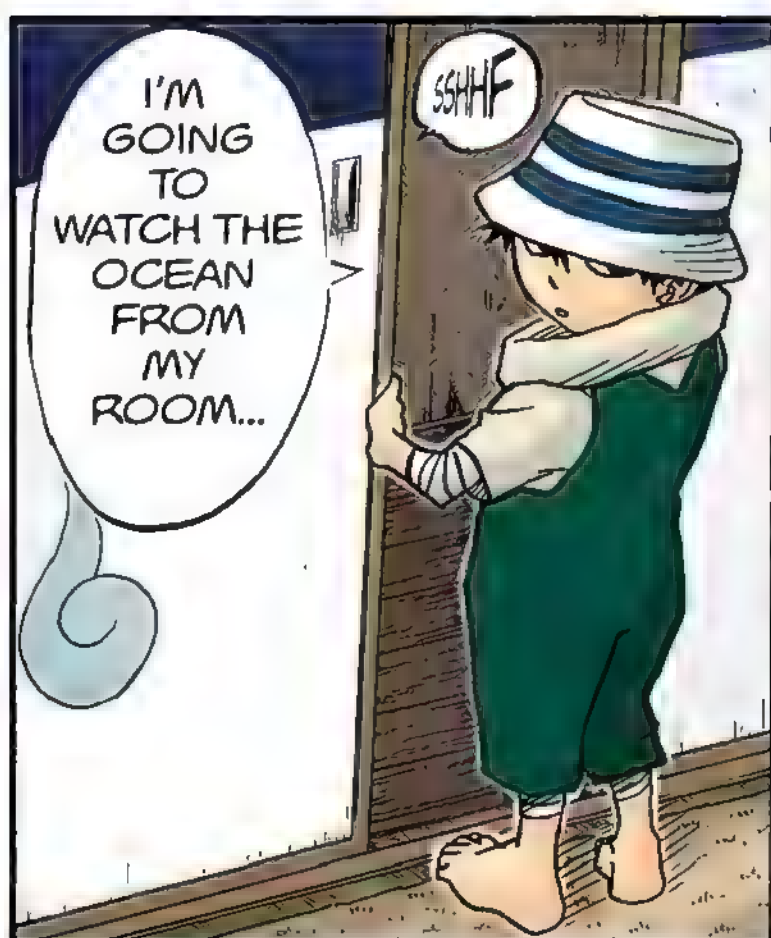
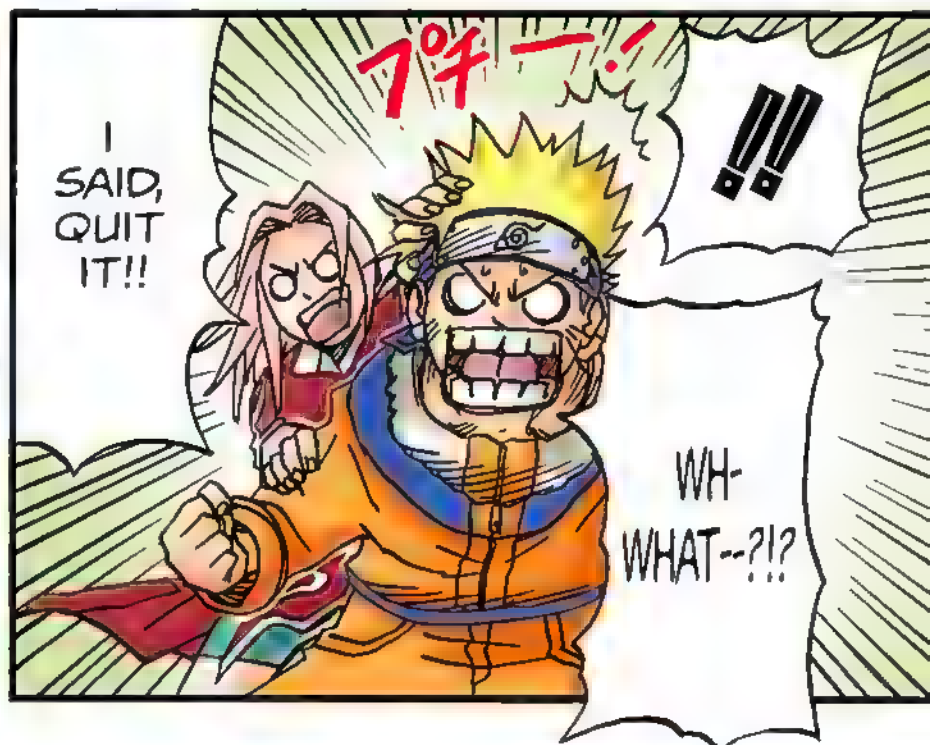
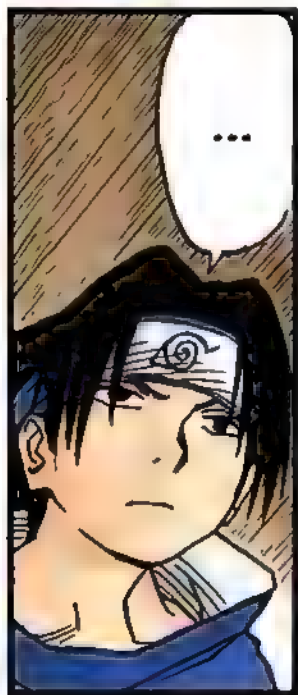
NO
ONE
CAN
BEAT
GATÔ
AND
HIS
MEN.

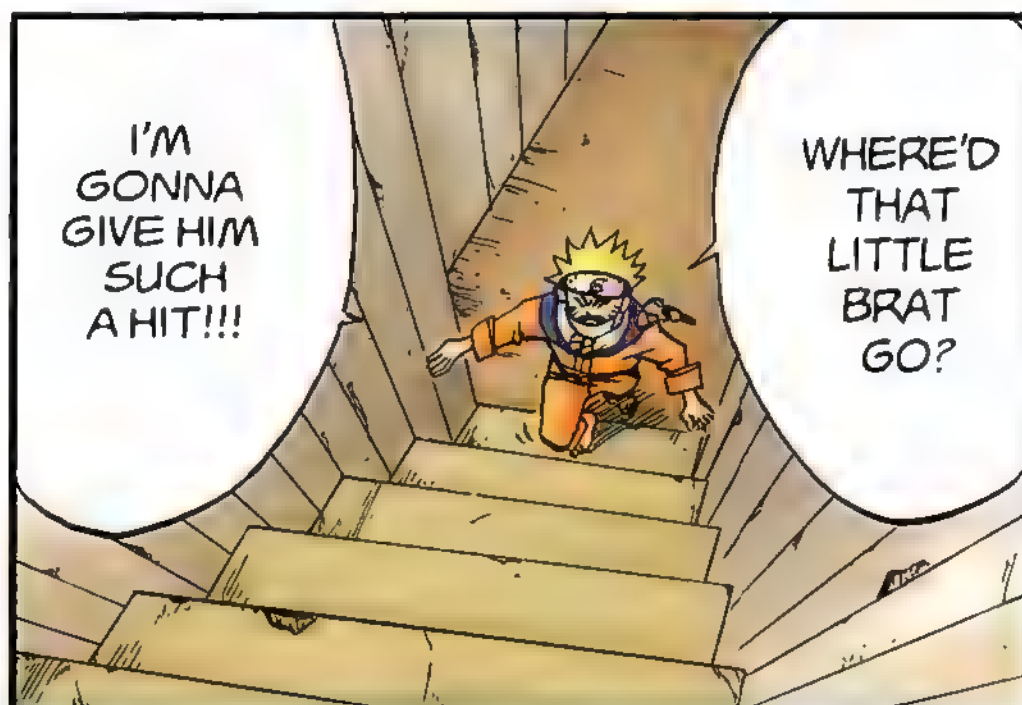
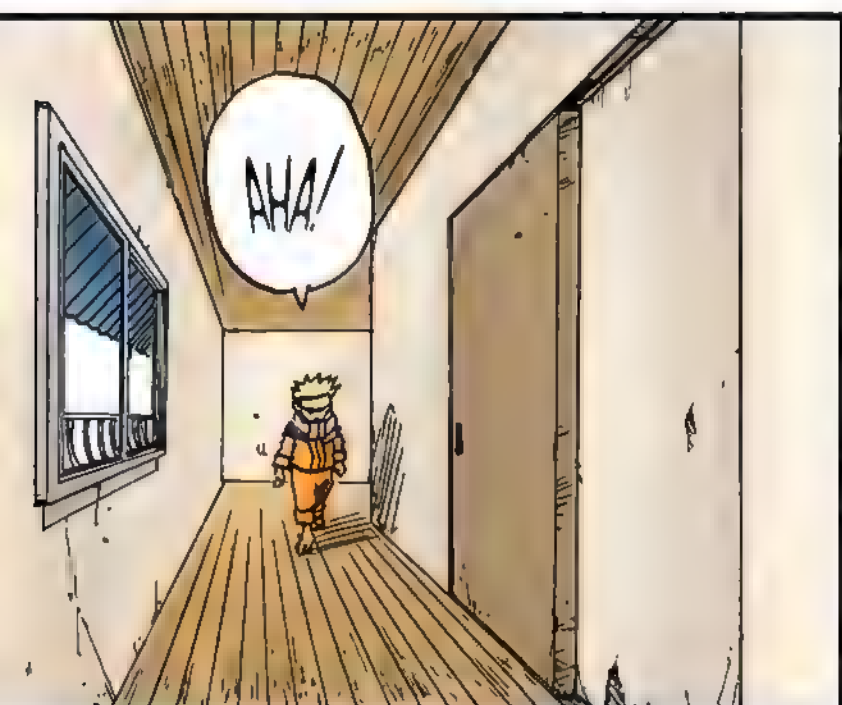
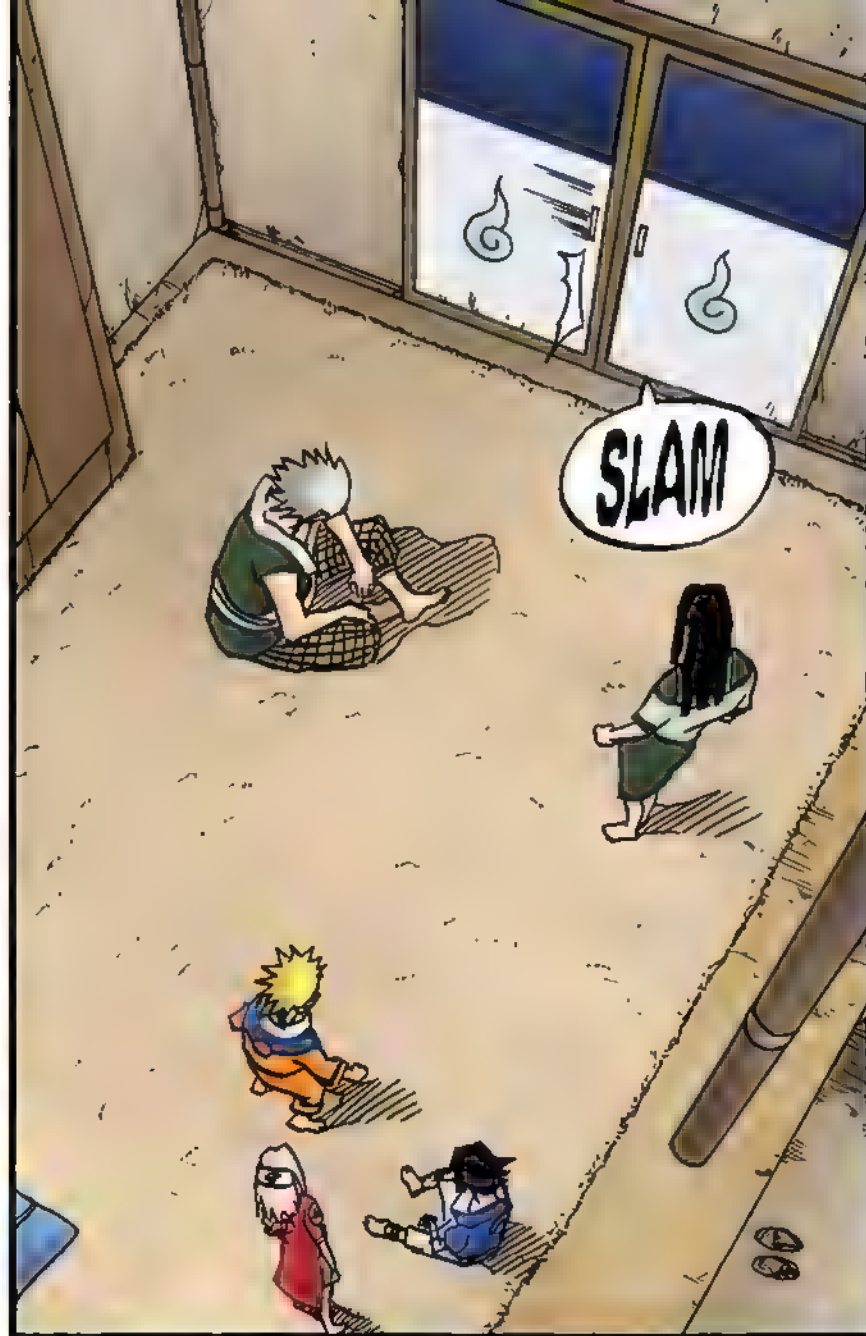
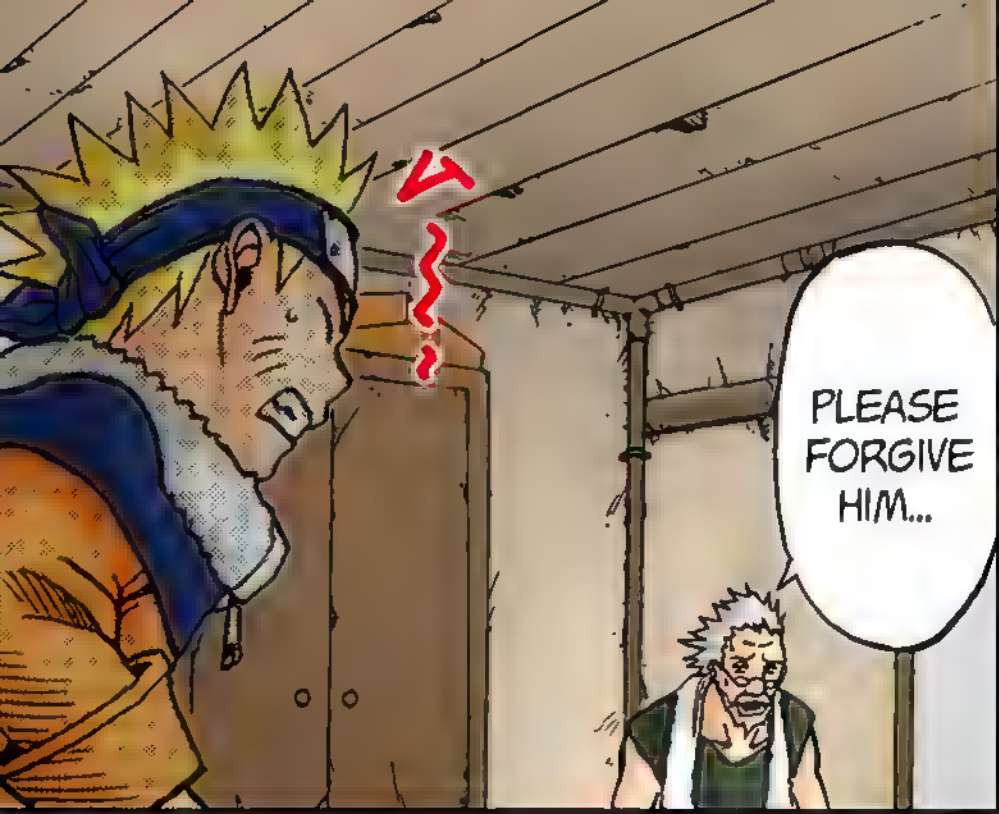
GATÔ?
"GATEAU"?
THIS GUY'S
NAMED
"CHOCOLATE"!
YOU CAN'T
SERIOUSLY
EXPECT
ME TO
BE AFRAID
OF THAT!

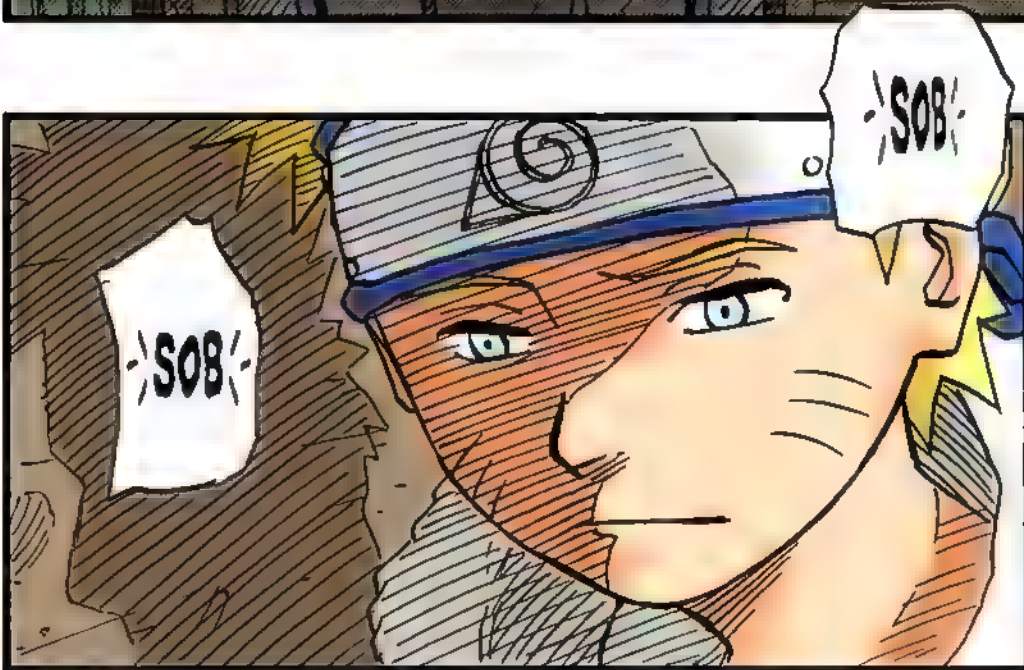
I'M A
SUPERHERO
WHO'LL SOME-
DAY BECOME
THE MOST
EXTREME
NINJA. MY
NAME WILL
BE HOKAGE,
THE FIRE
SHADOW!

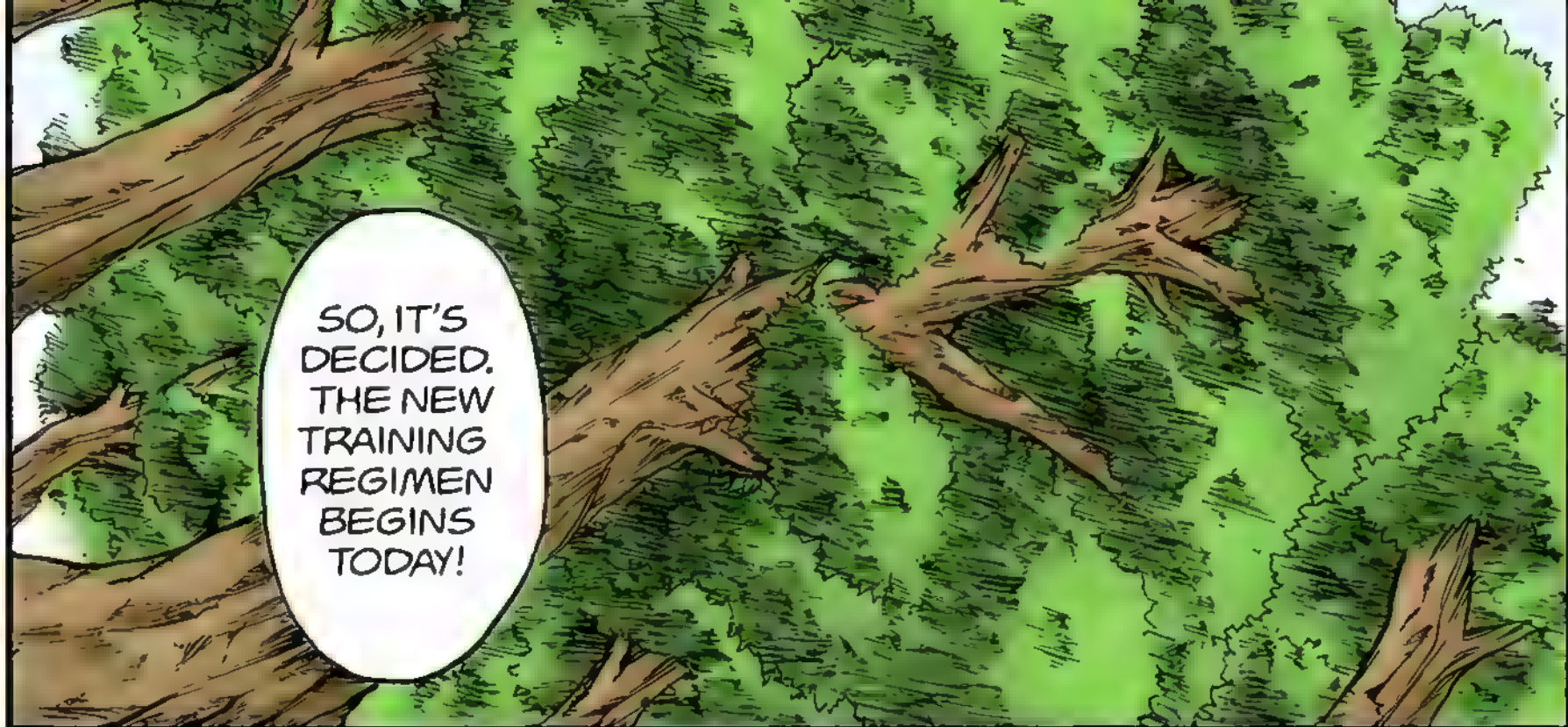
RIGHT.
HEY,
PAY
ATTENTION,
LITTLE
GUY.

-HMMF!-







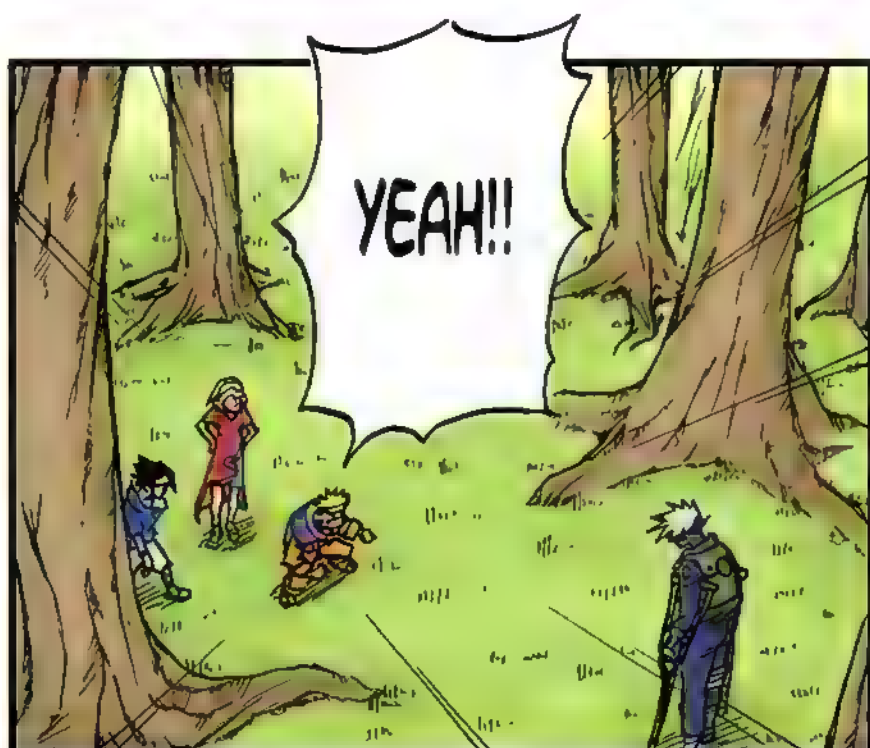


SO, IT'S
DECIDED.
THE NEW
TRAINING
REGIMEN
BEGINS
TODAY!

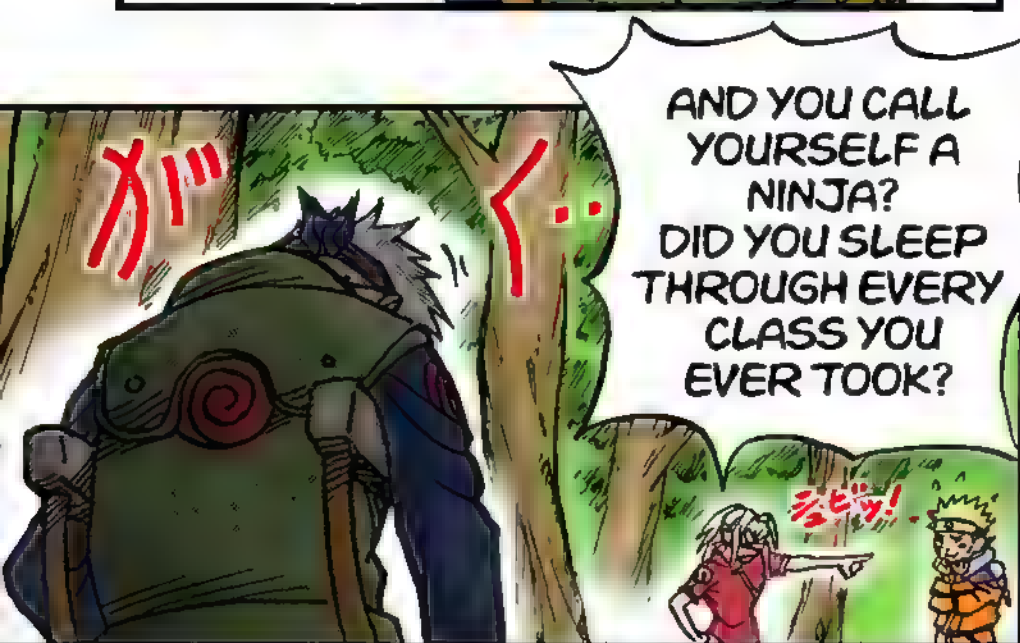


...LET'S
DISCUSS
THE BASIS OF
YOUR NINJA
POWERS...
THE BODY
ENERGIES
KNOWN AS
CHAKRAS.

BUT
FIRST...



YEAH!!

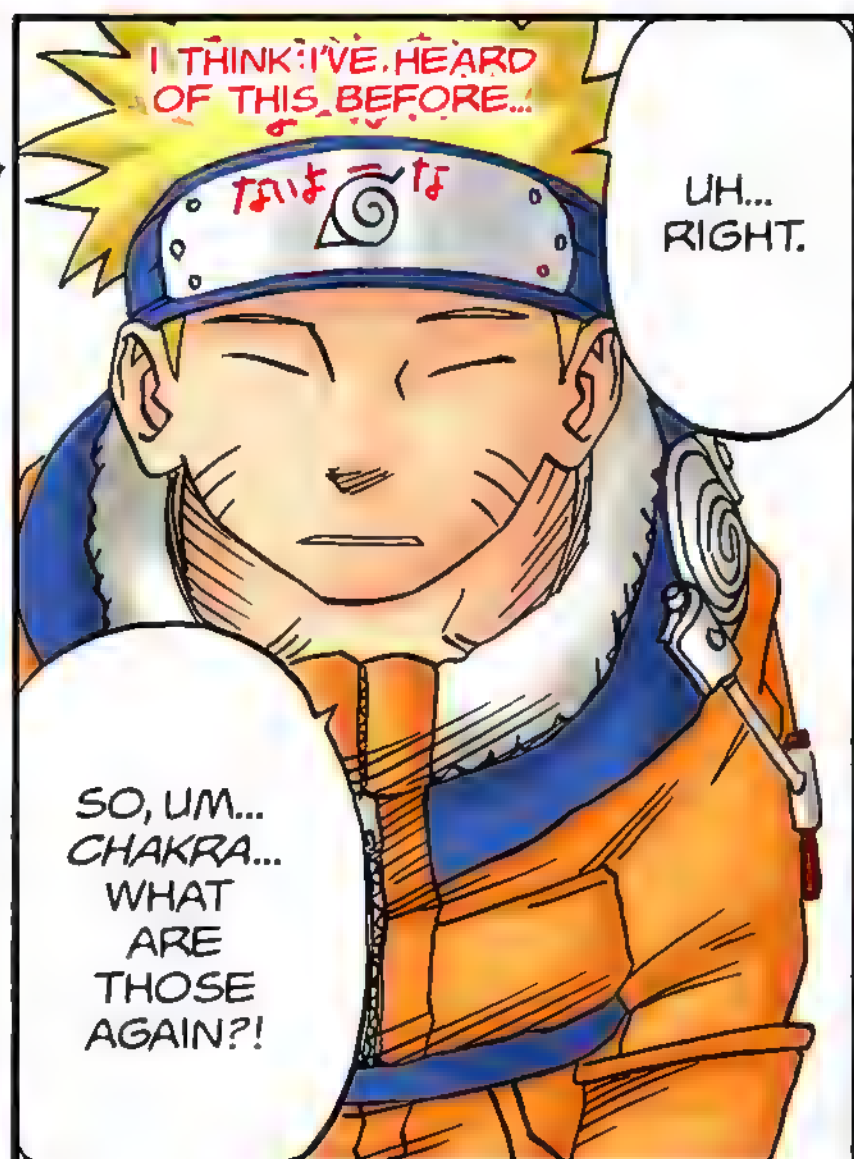


AND YOU CALL
YOURSELF A
NINJA?
DID YOU SLEEP
THROUGH EVERY
CLASS YOU
EVER TOOK?



THIS
IS
SO
NOT
GOOD...

WHY DON'T
YOU SAY I
GOT IN SOME
REALLY HIGH
QUALITY
NAP
TIME?



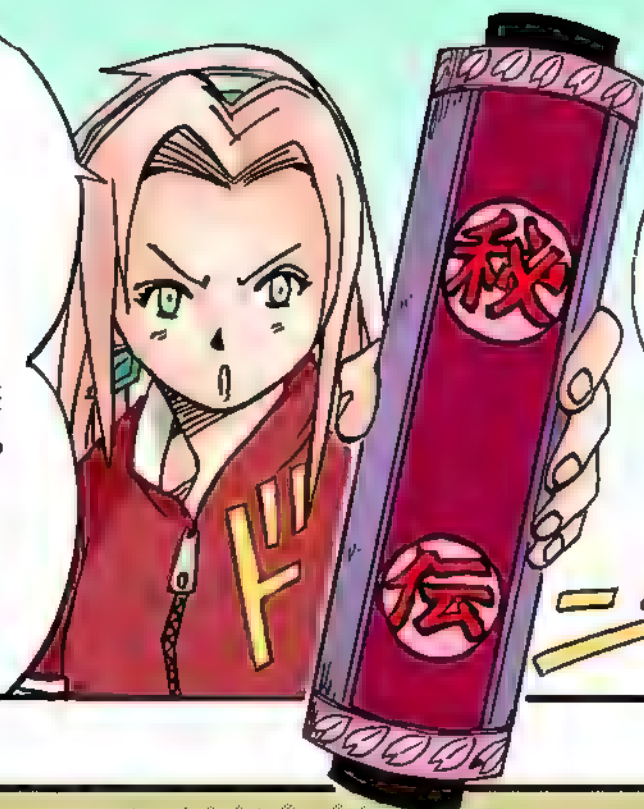
I THINK I'VE HEARD
OF THIS BEFORE...

UH...
RIGHT.

SO, UM...
CHAKRA...
WHAT
ARE
THOSE
AGAIN?!

PAY
ATTENTION,
NARUTO!!
IT'S A PAIN,
BUT I'LL TRY
TO KEEP
IT SIMPLE!

TRY TO FIND
SOME STORAGE
SPACE FOR THIS
INFORMATION
SOMEWHERE
IN THAT SHINY,
SMOOTH BRAIN
OF YOURS.



SAKURA!!

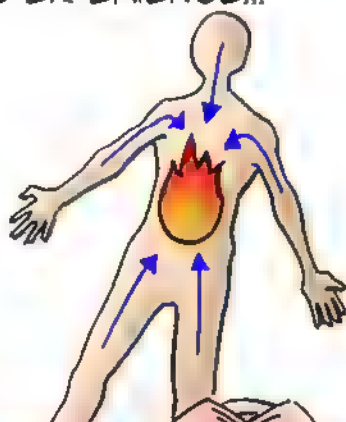
ALL
RIGHT!



TOGETHER,
THOSE TWO
FORMS OF
ENERGY ARE
WHAT MAKE
UP THE
CHAKRAS.



(2) THOSE OF
THE MENTAL AND
SPIRITUAL ENERGY
ACQUIRED OVER
THE COURSE OF
MUCH TRAINING
AND EXPERIENCE...



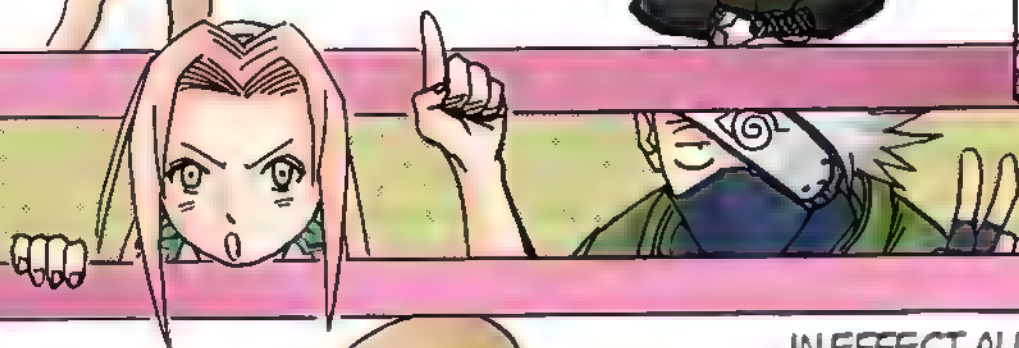
(1) THOSE OF THE
BODY, DRAWN
FROM EACH
AND EVERY
ONE OF THE
APPROXIMATELY
13 TRILLION
CELLS THAT
ARE BELIEVED
TO MAKE UP
THE HUMAN
BODY...



CHAKRAS
ARE, TO PUT
IT SIMPLY, THE
ENERGIES
THAT A SHINOBI
REQUIRES
IN ORDER
TO PERFORM
NINJUTSU.
BASICALLY,
THESE
ENERGIES
ARE:

~THE
LOVELY
NINJA
MAIDEN
SAKURA
EXPLAINS IT
ALL FOR YOU~

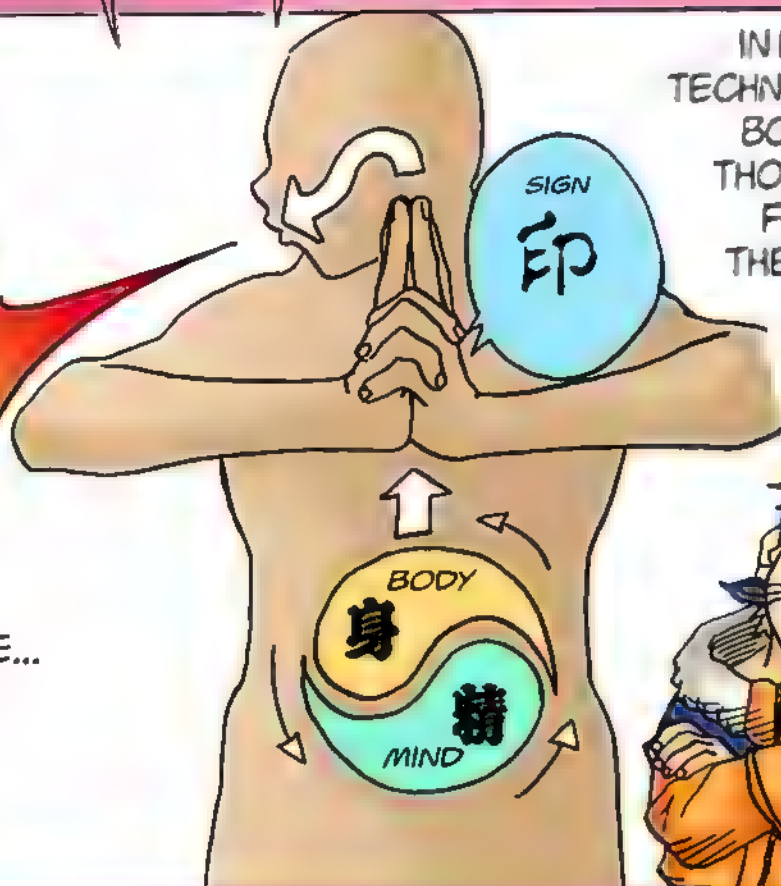
THE STORY
OF CHAKRAS!!



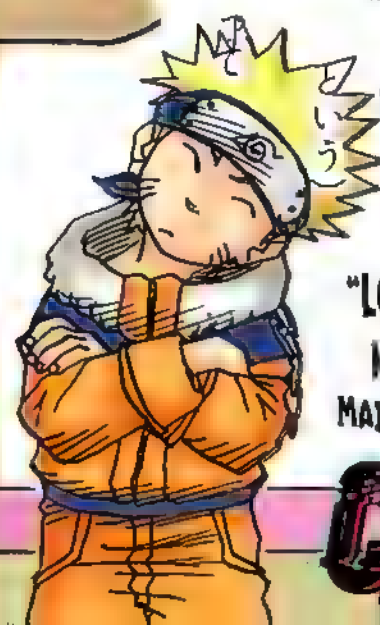
• READ
AND
REPEAT
UNTIL
YOU
FIND
IT
STARTS
TO
MAKE
SENSE...



"FIRE STYLE",
FOR EXAMPLE...

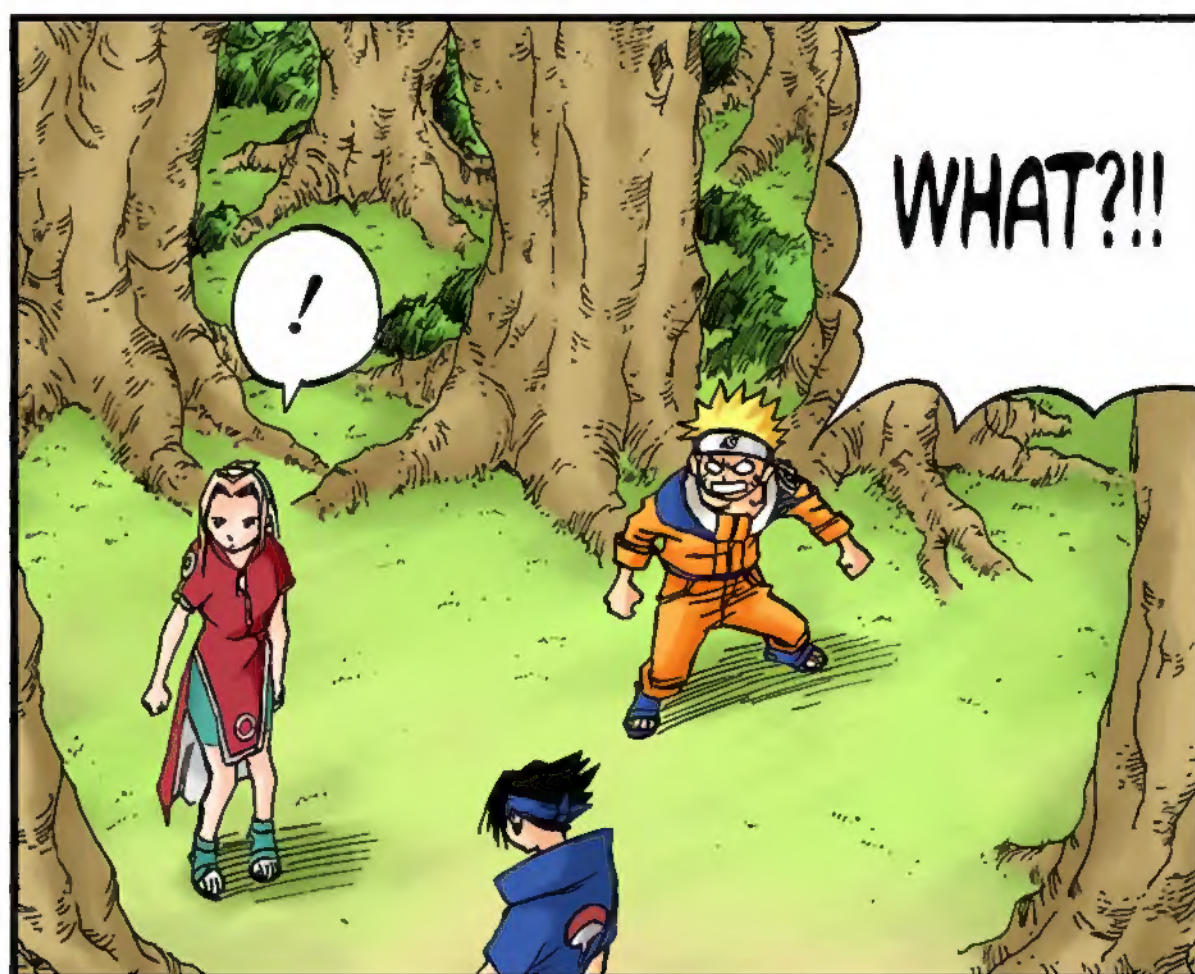


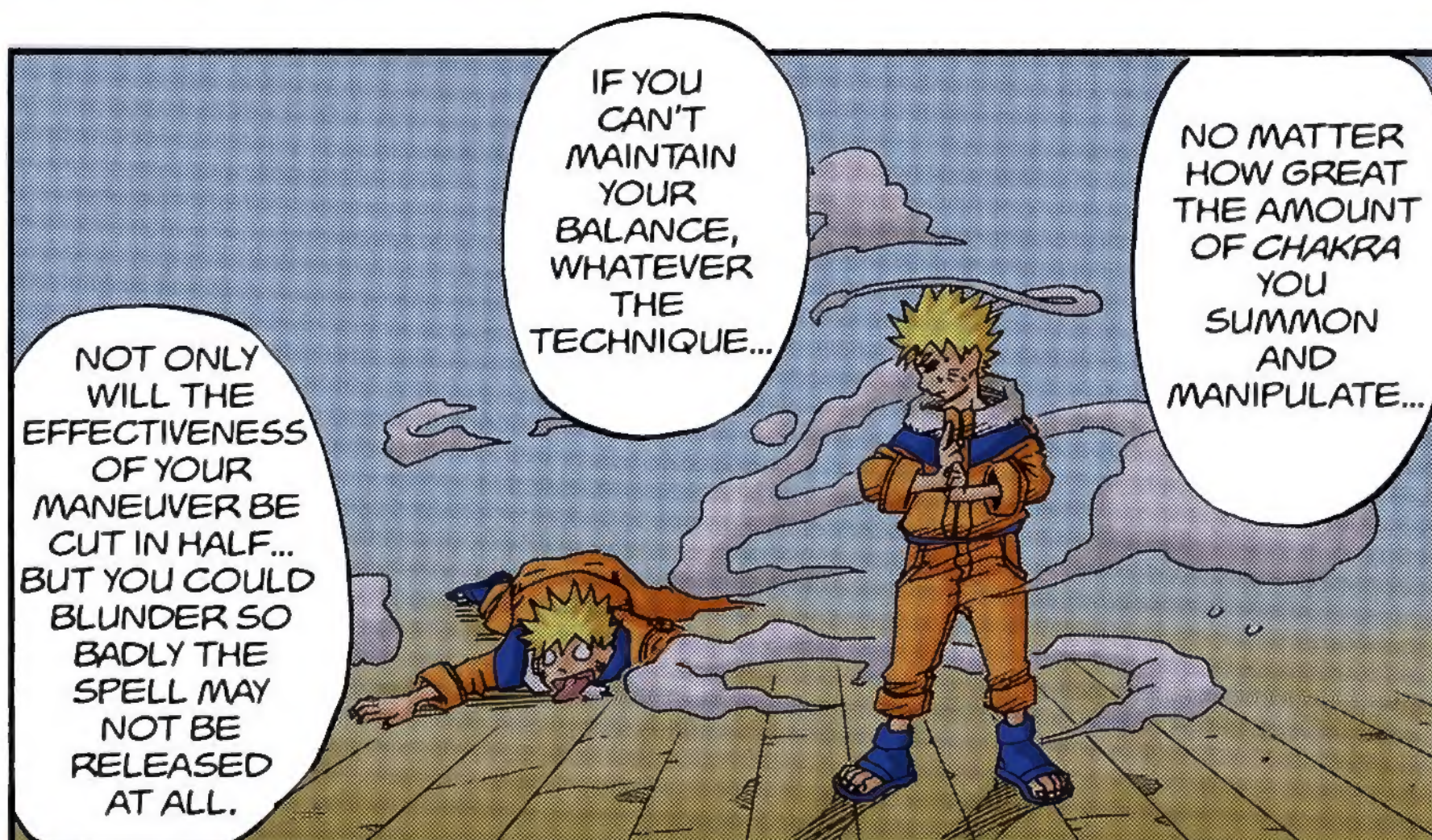
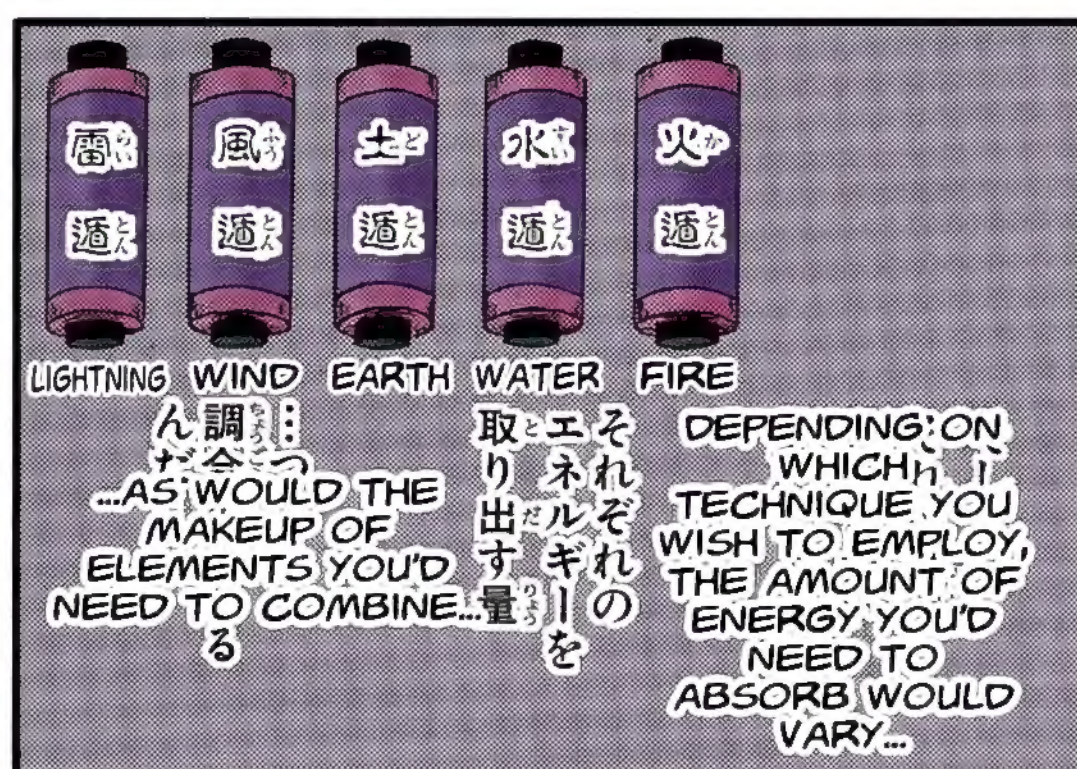
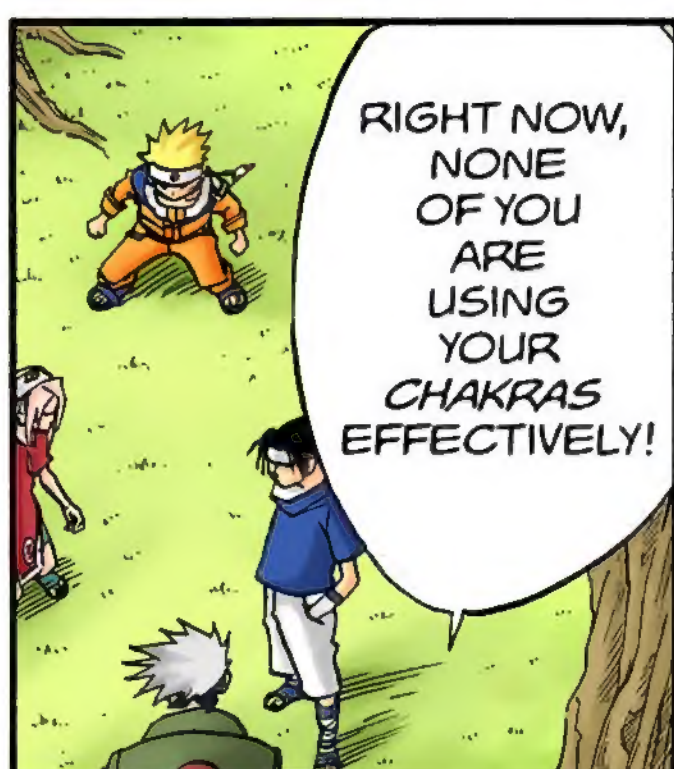
IN EFFECT, ALL THE ARTS AND
TECHNIQUES OF THE SHINOBI ARE
BORN OF A COMBINATION OF
THOSE 2 ENERGIES, BROUGHT
FORTH FROM THE BODY AND
THE SPIRIT- IN WHAT IS CALLED
"MANIPULATING THE
CHAKRAS"-AND FOCUSED
IN THE MYSTIC
PROCESS
KNOWN AS
"WEAVING THE
SIGNS."



"LOVELY
NINJA
MAIDEN...?!"







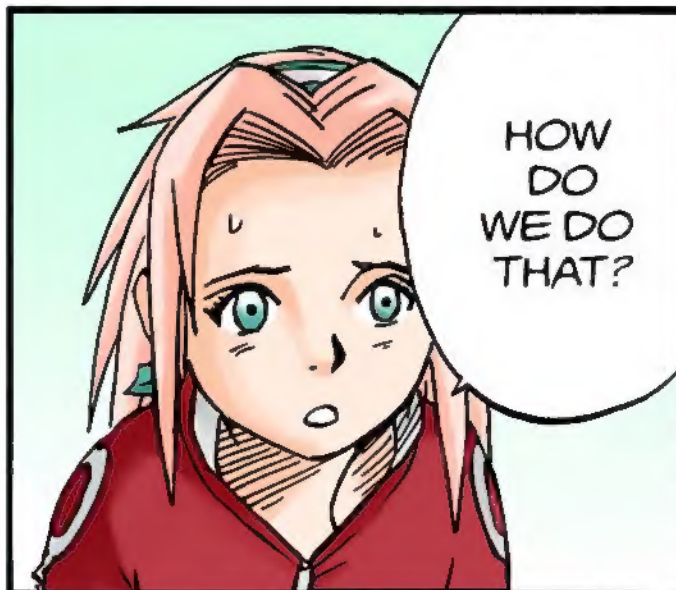
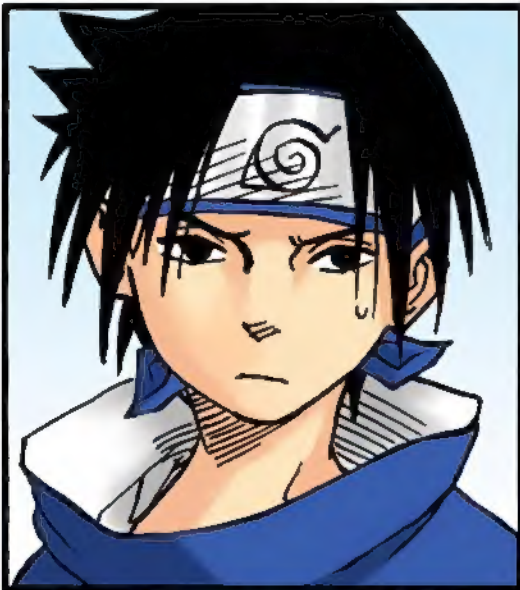
... GO OUT
ON A
LIMB,
AND LEARN
FROM THE
EXPERIENCE!

YOU
LEARN TO
CONTROL
YOUR BODY
THROUGH
THE
HARSHEST
TRAINING...

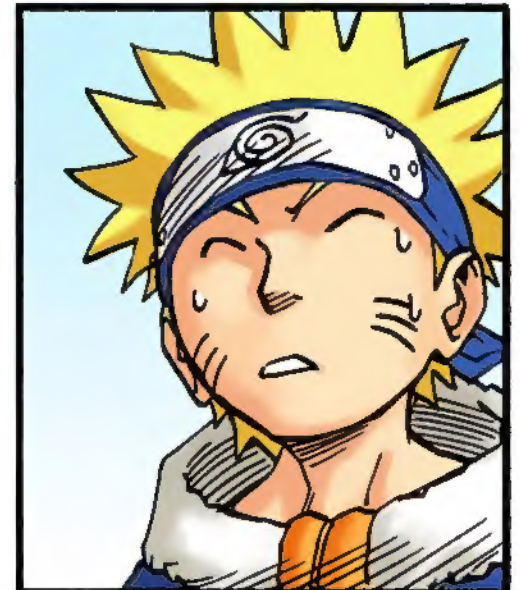
SO...UH...
WHAT
DO
WE
DO?

AND
BECAUSE
YOU END UP
SQUANDERING
YOUR ENERGIES,
YOU NOT ONLY LACK
THE STAMINA FOR
A PROTRACTED
FIGHT... BUT YOU
ALSO DEVELOP
SIGNIFICANT
VULNERABILITIES.

エヘッ



HOW
DO
WE DO
THAT?



WE
CLIMB
TREES!

HOW?



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